

# TAKE a new LOOK

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Some may see Griffith Senior High School as just a bunch of boring lockers and classrooms. But for those attending or those who have attended, it has been far more than just construction.

Throughout the last fifty years represented within the volumes of the Reflector, we Panthers have walked through many of the same hallways and experienced many of the same events. However, annuals have become yearbooks, poodle skirts have given way to mini-skirts, Elvis has been replaced by M.C. Hammer, guys are no longer "Daddy-Os" but "Dudes", and hairdos have gone from flat tops to, well, flat tops.

So, the more things have changed, the more they have stayed the same. Or have they? Declining enrollment, ISTEPs, and budget restrictions caused students and alumni to...



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"What is this Mrs. Carmichael?" asks junior Don Wasserman as he takes a look through the microscope to identify the new specimens.

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# TAKE a new LOOK

## Check us out

Games, dances, plays, lectures, and tests have been around a while but some have a new twist; in 1991 we discovered fifty was nifty

Have you noticed anything different at Grif-fith High School compared to the years past? Many things have changed or have been altered through the fifty years. For instance, the grade

schools are now by themselves rather than combined into one, and the High School has taken on a new look with its field-house addition. On a different note the styles and fads have

come, gone, and even come back again. For example, the styles of the '60s are beginning to appear here and there with their tie-dyes, mood rings, and peace mania.

The hair cuts have gone from bobs, flat tops, and crew cuts,

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Coach Thornton displays the 1990 sectional champions trophy which the Panthers won when they defeated Gavil.

Junior Troy Bowie shows that the '60s are back in style as he makes a tie-dyed T-shirt.





Sophomore Jason Harder shows off his 50s crewcut which are again popular among the high school crowd.



Last year's Turnabout Prince junior Mike Hernandez crowns sophomore Paige Jacoby as the new Turnabout princess.



Senior Jim Borders waits to see if he can donate blood for the blood drive sponsored by Honor Society.

Junior Denise Castillo stands still while her Prom dress is being altered.





## Check us out

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and back to the same. Bandanas are even making their way back into the new styles of the 90s.

One would assume that there would be changes during the fifty years. However, many changes have occurred during just one or two years. While Graduation rules were changed to

mandate proper attire and no tossing of the hats in '89, the class of '91 will now be allowed to show their enthusiasm with the tossing of their caps.


Hall passes have been enforced this year with the monitoring of bathrooms by ladies armed with walkie talkies.

From student

life, sports, and businesses we now invite you to take a new look.



Junior s Rob Wlazlo and Kyle Toweson chat while their dates are dancing with their friends at Turnabout.



Gettin ready to buy his tickets, senior Nick Victorrio takes a look in the Prom display case for information.

# TAKE a new LOOK

Due to the changes of daily life the activities which involve GHS students have varied through the years. While fads, cars, and haircuts have changed some things have only been rearranged. Homecoming is still in existence but without a bonfire as in the 1960s and now a king reigns with the queen.

Instead of bopping to the beat of Buddy Holly we now groove to the rhythm of Janet Jackson. Although fashion, music, and the style of dancing may have changed the purpose is still the same. We all want to have fun with the new looks of the '90s



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# 1990-91

A popular event of student life is Spirit Week. Senior Clint Lamb displays his spirit by letting the girl out in him on opposite sex day. This is different from past years when students would walk through the grand march at Prom, attend bon fires, and wear the latest styles in Prom fashions. However, some things never change as students still enjoy going to the beach during the summer.

# 1970



# 1980



# Summer VACATIONS

## Providing R & R

Usually in April the countdown begins...Only 30 more days!...until the time students and teachers alike look forward to: summer vacation. In addition to bringing a needed break from school, summer provided a number of things to do and places to go.

Some people visited far away places. Sophomore Jenny Kuck said, "We've been to Florida, California, Canada, Minnesota, Washington D.C., and Ohio."

Many students enjoy their vacations because they get to spend time with their family. Junior Candie Hall said, "We go to Florida and it's pretty cool because for just two weeks out of the summer I actually get to spend some quality time with my family."

Some students go on vacation with their friends rather than family. Senior Carla Kitzmiller said, "I went on vacation with my best friend and her family for about three weeks in Michigan by the Lake of the Three Sisters and we went water skiing, tubing, fishing, and boat racing. It was the best summer I ever had."

Students aren't the only ones who enjoy their summer break. Teachers also find time to relax or do things they might not have time for during the school year.

Mr. Robert Witt took advantage of his vacation by "going boating, swimming, fishing, and playing a lot of golf. We also like to go to Cedar Point and Kings Island for the weekend, and take in a few baseball games. We also like to go camping a lot in our motor home."

Putting summer to productive use was Ms. Julie Marcinek who completed her Masters degree. "It was easier to concentrate on going to school while not teaching school. I was able to focus my energies more effectively."

Junior Gabrielle Juhasz enjoys the last few days of summer vacation earning money babysitting.



Junior Brandi McKeown and senior Jennifer Lassiter spent time with a newly made friend during a summer camp.

Sometimes summer activities combined work and play, such as the cheer camp for elementary girls. JV captain Junior Denise Castillo instructs her group.





# SUMMER FUN

## *In the sun*

### Spending time with family and friends

**W**hat do the words beach, parties, fun and sleep have in common? Summer vacation. Most high school students agree that these are the four basic essentials for vacation.

One of the most popular things to do over the summer was to go to the beach. Junior Stephanie Kirk said, "I like going to the beach and just laying out with my friends." Junior Denise Thompson said, "I like going to the beach and not having to worry about homework and school." Junior Chris

Logan said, "I like to go to the beach to look at gorgeous girls in their bikinis."

Another thing popular with most of the teenagers is partying. Junior Brandy Braddam said, "Most of the people I know are just always looking for a party. Sometimes if there isn't a party people just stay home. It really does get to be kind of a drag when nobody wants to do anything else."

It seems that many teenagers definitely had one activity in common during summer vacation -- sleeping. Junior Jeff O'Brien said, "My favorite thing about summer is that we get to sleep in almost everyday."

Besides going to the beach, partying and sleeping some students find other things to do

with their time. Senior Erin Cheffer said, "The best hangouts for the summer are Blue Top Drive-In and Dukes Drive-in."

Seniors Jason Reymoe and Matt Marcus spent a week of their summer with about 500 girls-at cheerleading camp.

"I'd say getting to go to camp was a plus to being a lifter," said Reymoe.

Graduating seniors have extra incentives to making use of summer, especially if they are leaving Griffith. Senior Lisa Osmulski said, "I enjoy the summer because it gives me a chance to be with my friends. I'm excited about going away to college and the summer gives me a chance to spend time with them before I leave."

Mr. Bob Witt and his family visit the Enchanted Kingdom in Disney world while vacationing in Florida.

Angie Skaggs and family take a tour of the stars' graves during their summer vacation in Hollywood CA.



# POST HOMECOMING

## Festivities and Games

Activities Night started out quite innocently, but most people knew that once the sun went down and Activities Night was over, the real spirit and pranks began.

There were many traditions carried out, such as toilet papering and decorating the football players' and coaches' houses. "Wrapping the guys' houses with toilet paper was great," said sophomore Danielle Dudek.

"My friends and I had the most fun after activities night ended. We decorated every senior football player's house that we could. We taped the houses and placed signs in front that wished them good luck," said senior Laura Shoulders.

But, some people did not stop at decorating houses. They continued by decorating the lockers and locker rooms. Although these were spirited pranks, one was carried too far, and the students suffered the consequences. A group of senior guys took creatures from the Griffith Golf Center and placed them in the middle of the football field. Eight students were apprehended and two were taken to the police station. Although the owner of the golf center did not press charges, each of the students had to work for 12 hours at the center to pay for the damage done to one of the animals. The punishment was not over for the athletes involved as the football players were suspended for the first half of the game, and a cross country athlete was suspended from a meet.

"At the time, we didn't think we were doing anything wrong; we considered it a funny prank. However, we should have realized that we were taking something that didn't belong to us," said senior Kevin Nordyke.

Homecoming King and Queen Mike Bell and Jill Burbridge relax and smile after being crowned.

Ugh! I can't eat another bite says senior Alex Djukic while competing in the Homecoming candidates' pie eating contest.



Seniors Kelli Ford, Amy McDonnell, Tricia Butler, Stephanie Gilbert and Lisa Osmulski cheer the senior class while riding in the parade.

The Homecoming court was seniors Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich, Michelle Zebracki, Laura Shoulders, Jill Burbridge, Doug Snyder, Clint Lamb, Mike Bell, Jim Crosek and Alex Djukic.



# HOMECOMING

## *Our Way*

Decorations, pep rallies  
create spirit during festivities

**S**pirit filled the air as the students and faculty joined together and celebrated Homecoming.

Spirit Week, possibly the most exciting week of the entire year arrived. Sophomores, juniors and seniors had begun competing for the placing of who had the most spirit.

Monday was hat, sunglasses and college t-shirt day.

On Tuesday, people were wondering why girls had long hair on their legs and ugly wigs on their heads. And, the guys were an odd looking bunch, with absolutely no build whatsoever. This was, of course, opposite sex day when the guys walked around in dresses and heels, and the girls wore football uniforms and sweats.

"I think this was the best day of the whole week," said junior Mike Farley. "Not only was it funny but we actually got to see another side

of each other."

Wednesday, everyone dressed in his Sunday best, as it was Dress-Up day. "It's always nice to see the student body dressed up," said sophomore Katie Mendez.

Thursday was Toga day when students dressed in their favorite sheets and sandals. "Togaday is always fun, but I anticipated that more of the student body would participate," said senior Tricia Butler.

Friday was Black and Gold day. The student council sold class t-shirts; black for seniors, gold for juniors and white for sophomores. Not only did student council profit from this but each class did also, because each was able to show off their class' colors.

In the excitement of Spirit Week came the announcement of the Homecoming court. The King candidates were Mike Bell, Jim Crosek, Alex Djukic, Clint Lamb and Doug Snyder. Queen candidates were Dana Ander-

son, Jill Burbridge, Alicia Raketich, Laura Shoulders and Michele Zebracki.

Students gathered on the football field on Thursday night to participate in Activities night. Students took part in different events to earn points for their classes. Such events were the yelling contest, the balloon pass, powder puff football, scooter races, the eleven-legged race, tug of war, obstacle course and the human pyramid. There were other activities exclusively for the candidates such as pie eating, lico-rice eating and toilet paper wrapping contests.

At the end of the evening the results were seniors first; juniors, second and sophomores, third.

"Even though we finished third, we did place first in the tug-of-war," said sophomore Shellie Linders.

Juniors Aimee Enoksen, Jenny Havlin, Jen Clark, Jen Cebulski, Tiffany Saczwa and Denise Thompson cheer at activities night.



# HOMECOMING

## *Our Way*

Burbridge, Bell take crowns  
during halftime festivities

Friday had come and the excitement everyone felt seemed to be overwhelming. One could tell as one walked through the school and saw the streamers and signs posted everywhere throughout the halls. The football players' lockers were filled to the rim with candy by their faithful locker buddies.

The topic of everyone's conversation focused on the game and everyone's plans for the night. Homecoming '90 was here. During sixth hour the school showed their spirit by holding a pep rally in the varsity gym.

Even though sophomores participated in the pep rally they still were unable to finish higher than third, as the seniors took first and the juniors took second in the competition. Seniors also took top honors in the float competition with

their motto "Panthers are Unsinkable."

"One thing I looked forward to in becoming a sophomore was being able to attend the pep rallies," said sophomore Jerry Farrar.

Preceding the game was the traditional Homecoming parade. Several new entries added to the parade such as one from the junior high council. The game started with the stands packed with fans.

The crowd was ecstatic as the Panthers slaughtered the Calumet Warriors from the start. During halftime the Pantherettes and band took their places on the field as the King and Queen candidates nervously waited for their turn to be announced.

"I think they should condense the announcements...the suspense really kills you," said sophomore

Shellie Linders.

After the candidates lined up on the field, Booster Club president Melinda Fleming crowned Mike Bell as King, then Student Council president Lisa Osmulski crowned Jill Burbridge queen.

"I was excited to have won, but I was even happier because both of my parents were able to attend the game and they were both proud of me," said Bell.

"I couldn't believe it. I thought I was dreaming. I never expected it (being Queen) to actually happen to me," said Burbridge.

"Homecoming this year was cool, especially since we won," said senior Eric Hilgeman.

Senior Tina Kilgore performs her routine during Homecoming halftime.

Sophomores proudly represent their class as they march down Broad St. during the parade.

Junior offense Jerry Murdock rushes to keep the ball away from Calumet's defense. The Panthers won 36-0.







Senior Shannon Rasile concentrates on getting her beats just right in the band's halftime performance.

Waiting eagerly for the starting gun, Clint Lamb gets ready to push Lisa Osmulski and Andre Jones prepares to push Kyle Toweson in the scooter races.



# Losing WEIGHT

## Diets and exercise

Just as working out is important to getting and staying in shape some students feel that dieting is an important factor in maintaining one's appearance. Why do people diet? Everyone has his own personal reasons, ranging from improving one's health to becoming more attractive to the opposite sex.

Spring is the most popular time to diet, to whittle away those extra holiday pounds and to get ready for beach season. Health clubs offer all kinds of special deals, maybe because bathing suits seem to decrease in material more and more every season. Junior Tanya Guca said, "I'm on a diet because summer is coming and I want to get a skimpy bikini."

Dieting is a way that some people build up their self-esteem and self-image. Junior Michelle Bodley said, "I diet to improve myself because I don't feel I am as good as I can be. When I diet I feel a lot better about myself."

On the other hand, crash diets are unhealthy and for the most part unsuccessful. Senior Matt Marcus said, "Going on a starvation diet isn't a very smart thing to do. If people would just get regular exercise and watch what they eat they would be ok."

Willpower is an important component of a successful diet. Senior Dave Schutz said, "I had a friend who was dieting and didn't want me eating around her, but she had to get used to it because I like to eat fattening food."

Perhaps the luckiest are those that don't have to diet at all such as senior Tim Dickens who said, "I don't have to worry about dieting, I can eat all day and not gain a pound. As a matter of fact, I try to gain weight, not lose it."

Sophomore Jenny Reeder runs track to keep her body toned and fit. Staying fit is very important to GHS students.



Junior Stephanie Kirk rides her 10-speed for exercise. Riding a bike is just another way to stay fit.

Sports have always been a key to keeping fit. Sophomore Alan Sutkowski practices his soccer skills to stay in shape.





# WORKING OUT

*for fitness*

Students make exercise important for daily living

**D**uring high school, appearance plays a major role in a teenager's life. Lifting weights, aerobics, and playing sports are popular ways for students to get and stay in shape and at the same time improve and enhance ones appearance.

Students, male and female, feel that they benefit both mentally and physically from any kind of exercise. Junior Kim Daugherty said, "I exercise because it makes me feel good about myself and I want to stay trim."

Sports are another reason for wanting to be

Junior Eric Schriber and sophomore Brad Zabek push their bodies to the limit in the weight room after school.

physically fit. Staying in shape is a definite way to guarantee a better sports performance. "I work out in order to get stronger for football," said junior Scott Sutton.

On the other hand, some students use exercise as an alternative to being in a sport. Joy Sippel, junior, said, "I work out to keep in shape because I'm not in any sports. If I didn't work out I wouldn't be in shape because I'm not in any sports. If I didn't work out I wouldn't be in shape."

Having fun is a definite characteristic of a teenager and working out isn't any exception for some students. "I jog just to relax and have fun," said junior Denise De Boer.

Many students have other goals in mind when

working out and exercising other than getting in better shape. Senior Sherrie Russell said, "I have to run, do sit ups and pull ups everyday otherwise I will not be able to perform this summer in basic training for the Marines."

Another student who has different reasons for keeping physically fit is senior Alicia Raketich. She said, "I want to be in good condition when I go to Indiana University because I want to be a Red Stepper."

Not everyone has such reasons for wanting to keep in shape and stay in fit condition. "I want chicks to worship my body and fantasize about me. It will increase my fan club enrollment. Besides, I need a bigger body to fit my ego," said senior Tim Garvey.



# Those WAITING In the Wings

These people have no lines to memorize; they don't need to worry about stage fright or singing off key, yet a play could never take place without them. This necessary group is the stage crew.

Building the sets, putting up the props, and making sure everything runs smoothly backstage is the job of the stage crew. In addition to the preparations before the performance, the stage crew also makes sure that the stage is cleaned afterwards.

For the fall play "Two by Two" they simulated a natural environment, by making it rain on stage. In order to accomplish the rain effect the stage crew had to run a 40 foot pipe from the fire extinguisher into a pipe with holes in it, where another pipe ran from a sink. Hoses were attached to each pipe. The gutter ran between two platforms on the stage and ran another pipe to the sump pump.

"Actually, creating the rain effect was easy. We just had to make sure the holes were small enough and spread out far enough, yet not too far, so it would still appear like rain," said stage manager senior Tim Gatlin.

Making sure the actors and actresses are presentable as their characters are the make-up artists. They sometimes spend 2 to 3 hours finishing an actor's face to perfection, and wait backstage for a scene to finish to help with costume changes and touch-ups.

"Even though I wasn't an actress on stage I still wanted to be a part of the play. I didn't mind painting and cleaning up. We enjoyed ourselves and laughed a lot," said sophomore stage crew member Chris Fisher.

While still showing his true age, Noah concentrates while writing down information in his book.



The setting is very solemn as Noah and his family mourn over the loss of Es-ther.

The cast of Two By Two finish off an act with great enthusiasm. The small cast enabled the director to individualize.





# FALL PLAY

## *Two by Two*

### When it Rains It Pours

**A**fter rehearsals, practice, and long hours of hard work the cast of the musical production "Two by Two" had produced a hit.

The story captured the last few weeks of Noah and his family, when Noah received the word from God to build the Ark and the problems Noah's family endured while getting ready for and during the flood.

Noah, played by senior Jeff Ferguson, was an old man who received a message from God and was reborn with his youth in order to carry out the task of building the ark.

Director Mr. Gerry Spejewski and musical director Mrs. Cynthia

Noah, played by senior Jeff Ferguson, sang rejoicing his youth. Noah's youth was restored so that he could complete the task of building the ark.

Noah asked God for guidance, while his sons looked on disbelievingly.

Spejewski chose the musical "Two by Two". "We chose the play because it had a small cast for a musical, it is an amusing story, and it has good songs," said Mrs. Spejewski.

According to Mr. Ray Weaver, producer and scene designer, the play was previously performed on stage at Grif-fith in 1977. The cast consisted of senior Jeff Ferguson, Noah; sophomore Lindsey Friend, Esther; freshman Art Maves, Japheth; senior Joe Judge, Shem; freshman Angie Karlstedt, Leigh; sophomore Mitch Ensign, Ham; sophomore Kelley Gall, Rachel; and sophomore Amy Bishop, Goldie.

Though the cast was smaller than normal it didn't seem to bother the cast. It seemed to make the play more memorable. "I feel the director can individualize better with a small cast," said Karlstedt.

Sophomore Kelley Gall said, "I think with a

small cast everyone got close and became like a family."

There was a lot of upbeat comedy in the script and it had a punch line all the way through, but it did touch a few serious subjects. "We were trying to show people that you should use your heart and faith to do certain things and use good judgment for others," said Ensign.

Although the play was at it's best, the attendance wasn't. Mr. Spejewski said, "If the attendance numbers don't increase, this activity may just go belly up". The low audience attendance didn't affect the cast though, they were happy with the play's success.

"A couple of years ago I said I wouldn't do another musical, but the students were so wonderful to work with, they restored my faith. I'm looking forward to the next one," said Mrs. Spejewski.



# Is it true BLONDES Have more fun?

Is it true blondes have more fun? The popular saying says they do, and along with this conception comes that often misconception regarding their intellectual capacity.

"I think blondes have more fun because all guys love blondes," said junior brunette Beth Michalak. "I don't believe blondes are automatically airheads. I have a lot of friends that are blondes and they aren't dumb or ditzy."

Junior blonde Julie Ellison said, "I do think blondes have more fun just because of the fact that most of the blondes that I know, including myself, know how to have fun."

Agreeing with them is junior Mike Farley who said, "Blondes have more fun because they are more ditzy and it makes them more outgoing to an extent."

Others share Farley's assessment. Senior Tim Mele said, "There are a lot of airheads out there and I'm not saying that all of them are blondes but most of them are."

Of course brunettes differ with the idea that the blondes have all the fun while they sit around being boring. Senior brunette Jill Burbridge said, "I think brunettes have more fun because guys think brunettes are more serious and blondes are dizzy."

Brunette senior Robin Guzicki said, "Brunettes have more fun because blondes are expected to. In reality brunettes do because they look for the fun."

Yet, a few diplomatic ones seem to think that it doesn't really matter what color hair a person has. Junior Gabrielle Juhasz, a blonde, said, "I know a lot of people with blonde hair and a lot of people with dark hair and all of them know how to have fun."

"It doesn't matter what color hair a someone has as long as they are friendly and nice they are bound to have fun," said junior blonde Lee Anna Barber.

Whether blonde or brunette, girls find time during the day to adjust their hair. Juniors Allison Kundrot and Pat Vrehas comb and spray during the five-minute break between classes.



French braids are an in thing. Junior Malinda Imre braids a senior Kathy Marcinak's hair before class.

Not all guys prefer blondes. Senior Alex Djukic, shown talking to junior Susan Carter, said he prefers brunettes.



# HAIR COLOR

## *Colors choices*

Whether natural or bottled  
all have preferences

**F**irst it was blonde ambition, then Madonna turned up brunette again. Supermodel Linda Evangelista and actress Demi Moore joined redhead Geena Davis in becoming blond. But, never mind those in the public eye. What about GHS students?

Just like the models and actresses, girls more often seemed to lighten their hair than darken it because they think people look twice at brighter hair.

"I lighten my hair because it looks better. More people notice blondes," said sophomore Ruth Marvel.

"I lighten my hair dur-

Studying her notes, junior Julie Ellison prefers her hair long and blonde.

The style also makes a difference in hair's appearance as junior Aimee Enoksen sports a braided do.

ing the summer," said sophomore Paige Jacoby. "That way I'm not around all of the people I know, so new people think it's natural. It's definitely more fun as a blonde. Blondes get more attention from guys."

Supporting Jacoby's statement is junior Mike Hernandez who said, "Blondes catch my eye quicker than brunettes but their hair style and physical features also have a lot to do with it."

However popular light hair may be, there are those that definitely prefer brunettes. Senior Alex Djukic said, "I find myself more attracted to brunettes. They have more mystery and I like a darker complexion better."

Some like Brunette hair because they think it looks more natural. Junior Adrienne Bogielski said, "I'm glad

I'm a Brunette. I'd never color my hair unless I got gray. I like it natural."

Others would like to be Brunette because of the stereotypes associated with blondes. "I'm a natural blonde but I'd rather be Brunette because everyone considers blondes to be airheads," said junior Joy Sippel.

Agreeing with her is senior Michelle Zebracki who said, "People think I am an airhead because I have blonde hair and I'm a Pantherette."

Some think that no matter what the color, it's best not to fool with Mother Nature. Senior Aimee Smith said, "I am a natural blonde, but I lightened my hair to brighten it up. That was a big mistake. Now everyone thinks I'm a bleached blonde, but it's blonde naturally anyway."



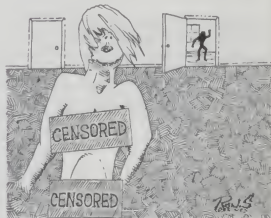
# Taking a look at the people

## MADONNA

### Unjustified

Madonna is usually surrounded by controversy, and her video "Justify My Love" proved it. The video was so explicit even MTV wouldn't air it. This didn't discourage, but rather encouraged the public to view it. Most people just went out and bought or rented their own copies.

Madonna brought in a haul when she sold over 250,000 copies of the five-minute video at \$9.98 per copy. The singer simply stated the video was a celebration of sex, and many viewers agreed. Madonna again seemed to have a knack for attracting many different opinions, as she did with her other videos "Like A Prayer" and "Express Yourself".



A Frog Hollow home shows the effects of the November flooding.

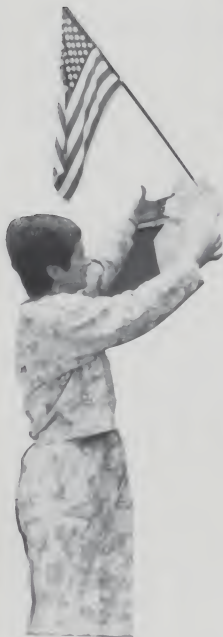
## DESTRUCTION

### Hits Highland

Torrential rains caused flooding for many Northwest Indiana residents late in the day on November 27, 1990. As dusk drew on, many Highland people in the Wicker Park Estates subdivision had to be evacuated from their homes. The storm wrecked homes, left over 400 people homeless, and took the life of a Highland man.

Wicker Park residents were allowed back in their homes for a half hour, after the flood diminished. This enabled them to salvage as many personal items that they had left. For many there wasn't much left.

PCB readings were simply too high for the residents to go back into their homes, or what was left of them for a long period of time. The homes affected with the outrageously high readings had to be torn down. The residents that were homeless for that period of time lived in a makeshift home at the Lincoln Center. Griffith had a food drive, and donated money to Highland flood victims then presented the money to them at a Friday night basketball game. Some flood victims now have to find homes all over again.





## MONEY CUTS

### Hit schools

For most students the only thing they had to worry about was if they could make it to their class on time or pull up their grades before the end of the grading period. But for students next year and teachers alike it's going to be different.

The schools fundings are being cut back. In the past year it's been simple thing, like cutting back on paper, staples, tape and other office supplies. Next year it's going to be teachers and classes. The High School will be losing such electives as Foods class and Industrial Technology classes. A majority of the teachers in the high school will be teaching Junior High classes, along with their regular classes, because the Junior High will have more students enrolled than in the High School.

Governor Bayh cut over 200 million dollars in school fundings. So far the taxpayers will not be paying for the school fundings and Governor Bayh would like to keep it that way. Even though the state has \$475 million in the Tuitional Reserve Fund Bayh want's to stick to his word and not raise taxes.



In support of the troops, Griffith held a rally in the gym. Students from the high school as well as the elementary and junior high participated.

## DESERT STORM

### Hits home

On January 17, 1991, the world awaited for the final answer on whether the U.S. would go to war against Saddam Hussein. For many the nightmare had just begun.

Griffith service men and women were shipped overseas in support of the cause. The war dragged on for two months, ending on March 7, 1991. People around the United States wore yellow ribbons and placed them on trees, houses, schools, and businesses, in support of the troops serving in the Gulf.

Students from the high school and junior high along with students from the four Griffith elementary schools participated in a rally once the war ended. Cheerleaders, Pan-therettes and other organizations either preformed cheers and skits or carried banners in support of the troops victory.



Howie, the Howard and Sons fiberglass cow, became a celebrity when WLUP's Jonathan Brandmeier tried to return him to his home.

## HOWIE

### Left behind

What has four legs, is made of fiberglass, and stands 14 feet tall? It's Howie the Cow, the proud mascot of Howard & Sons Quality meats in Merrillville.

When Howards & Sons moved to Greentree Plaza, a strip mall, Howie was not allowed to stay outside of the new location because of zoning ordinances. In his former home, Howie was protected from a zoning violation by a grandfather clause.

Munster officials said the clause would not hold in the new location. Howie received publicity from Radiopersonality Jonathan Brandmeier who rode Howie bare back through Munster, Schererville and down U.S. 30.

Until a pemanent home can be found for Howie, he will be residing at Great Lakes Distribution in Lansing.

# Taking a look at the people



Senior Matt Marcus reads the summary on the Ghost video to determine if it's the movie for him. Ghost's Whoopi Goldberg won Best Supporting Actress.

## OSCARS Go to the Wolves

Oscars Night 1990 was time for a great acknowledgement for many stars. Such celebrities as Madonna, Jon Bon Jovi, Harry Connick Jr., and Reba McEntire performed a best song nominee.

The theme was "100 Years of the Movies". Whoopi Goldberg won Best Supporting Actress for her performance in "Ghost"; Best Film and Best Director went to Kevin Costner; Best Actor was Jeremy Irons for his performance in "Reversal of Fortune"; Best Actress went to Kathy Bates for her stunning performance in "Misery".

Other nominees included Best Picture candidates "Awakenings", "Good Fellas", and the "God Father Part III". Best Supporting Actor nominees were Al Pacino for "Dick Tracy"; Joe Pesci for "Good Fellas"; Andy Garcia for "The Godfather Part III". For the females, Best Supporting Actress nominees were Annette Bening for "The Grifters"; Lorraine Bracco for "Good Fellas"; Diane Ladd for "Wild At Heart"; and Mary McDonnell for "Dances With Wolves".

## RETURN TO SENDER

Stamps cost \$.29

Postage prices increased measurably in 1991. On January 23, the price for postage stamps was raised from 25 cents to 29 cents.

As always, the public complained about the raise in price without a noticeable change in service. On the other hand, some thought it will be easier on their mail boxes because they won't be receiving as much junk mail because businesses may cut down on the number of advertisements they send.

Regardless, anyone from pen pals to businesses or schools who expect to correspond through rain, sleet and snow must add the extra four cents per letter.



Office secretary Mrs. Sue Brown runs school correspondence through the postage machine, adding the necessary increase.

# le, places, and events of '91



The American Legion on Wiggs Street in Griffith, a few blocks from the high school, was the site where the first shooting occurred.

## SHOOTER SCARES

### N.W. Indiana

On October 30, 1990 as children were putting the finishing touches on their Halloween costumes, Lawrence E. Mills of Griffith, was shot to death in the first of many deaths in Northwest Indiana.

Fear terrorized the northwest Indiana area for three months. Businesses were told to take down any large signs that would keep passers by from seeing what was going on inside. In addition, people were told to be more careful being out after dark and to remain alert while driving.

Finally, in the spring, 22 year old Christopher Peterson from Gary was arrested and charged with two of the seven shotgun slayings. Ronald Harris, also of Gary claimed he witnessed two of the shootings and was charged with aiding and abetting to murder. Both cases went to trial in May.

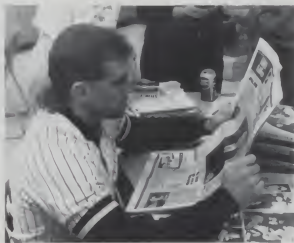
## AMY'S DEATH

### Shocks area

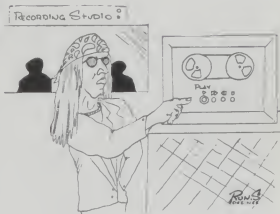
Crown Point residents Gary Shipley and his wife Gloria, fired the same accusations at each other when they were accused of murdering their five year old daughter Amy. The father, a doctor, denied that anything that happened to Amy was his fault and said his wife was the one who fed Amy pepper and used "other harsh punishments" saying that he only went along with his wife so she wouldn't leave him.

The couple was finally brought in and charged for the beating and starvation resulting in the death of their youngest daughter Amy. Teachers and friends had reported strange happenings in the Shipley household, when the girls would show strange behavior and signs of abuse.

Through questioning, authorities tried to discover whether the father had cooked up the punishments on his own and talked his wife into helping him or if the stepmother shouldered most of the blame. Crucial to the proceedings was testimony from their seven year old daughter Danielle, who had to speak against them in order to reach a conviction.



Junior Jerry Murdock reads the newspaper to keep updated on daily events. The Shipley case was one of prominence in northwest Indiana.



## GIRL, YOU KNOW

### We're through

"Girl You Know It's True" are the infamous lyrics sung by Milli Vanilli. However, they weren't authentic, but merely vocal imposters. What the public didn't know was that Robert Pilatus and Fabrice Morvan were hired by Frank Farian to just lip-sync the vocals and appear on the videos.

After all the publicity Milli Vanilli was forced to give up the Best New Artists Grammy which had been previously awarded. The real singers Brad Howell, John Davis and Ray Hurton stepped forward to get the recognition they rightly deserved. The singers now go on the road without the dancers.

# Successful, babied SPOILED

## Family roles surface

According to Parents magazine's December 1990 issue, certain traits are found in people depending on the order in which they are born into their family. Below are some traits, famous people and teachers who fall into that family role. Do you think they fit the mold?

**First Born:** an achiever, driven toward success in their field, choose demanding careers, sense of self-worth, taken seriously

**Famous first borns:** Mikhail Gorbachev, Jimmy Carter, Albert Einstein, Bill Cosby

**First born teachers:** Mr. Darryl Carstensen, Mrs. Martha Davis, Mrs. Janet Komparek, Mr. Dick Koval, Ms. Julie Marcinek, Mr. Herb Noonan, Mr. Dave Smith, Mrs. Sharon Smith

**Middle born:** diplomatic, friends are important to them, team players, good negotiators

**Famous middle children:** Richard Nixon, Princess Diana, Tom Selleck, George Burns, Bob Hope

**Middle born teachers:** Mr. John Aldrin, Mr. Jim Bartlett, Mrs. Margie Keithley, Mrs. Clara Lazar, Mrs. Lori Lindsey, Mr. Richard Reymore

**Youngest children:** like lots of attention, fun-loving, feel they are not taken seriously, know how to get their way

**Famous youngest children:** Ronald Reagan, Billy Crystal, Paul Newman

**Youngest born teachers:** Mr. Bill Birk, Mrs. Theresa Carstensen, Mrs. Sue Brown, Mr. Ron Divjak, Ms. Lawrence Hawthorne, Mr. Don Ray, Mrs. Kay Orzechowicz, Mrs. Susan Patricks, Mr. Mark Perko, Mr. Gerry Spejewski, Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, Mrs. Sheila Vlastavik

**Only Children:** often have characteristics of first-borns, relate well to authorities, have trouble sharing

**Famous only children:** Elvis Presley, Marilyn Monroe, Franklin D. Roosevelt

**Teachers who are only children:** Mr. Sam Cox, Mr. Bob Hastings, Mr. Charles Ricks

Being a only child means junior Denise Thompson doesn't have to share her new car with anyone.



Senior Lisa Marshall and her sister junior Becky Marshall talk to senior Nick Vittorio during class

Twin sisters seniors Christine and Michelle Zebracki buy a Panther Press newspaper during lunch time.







# BIRTH ORDER

## *Adding order*

Oldest, youngest, middle  
traits surface

**A**re you bossy because you're the oldest child in your family? Do you tend to be spoiled and get your way because you're the youngest? Or, are you stuck somewhere in-between because you are the middle child?

In 1923, the renowned psychiatrist Alfred Adler M.D. wrote that a person's position in the family leaves an "indelible stamp" on his or her "style of life."

Preparation for Adult Living teacher Mrs. Margie Keithley said that birth order influences personality traits. "It definitely matters what position you are born into within Senior Lori Rodriguez waits to give her sister junior Becky Rodriguez a ride home.

Senior Tim Garvey and junior Mike Garvey lock their bikes before school

your family. It is a proven fact because your environment plays a major role in your personality development."

Responsibility is the first word that comes to the mind of junior Candie Hall when she thinks of her role as the oldest of three children. She said, "I'm always being told that I have to set an example and whatever I do reflects on my sisters. It's also a lot harder to cope with your parents because you don't know what to expect from them."

Unlike the oldest, the youngest child tends to feel he receives more freedom than did the older siblings. Youngest child junior Aimee Enoksen said, "It is pretty cool being the youngest because I get to do almost anything I want."

Then there are those caught in the middle. Junior Pat Vrehas said, "Sometimes I feel left out and sometimes attention is focused mostly on me. I guess it all depends on the situation. It's not bad being the one in the middle."

Never having to compete with siblings for attention are only children. Junior Allison Kundrot said, "My friends always say I'm spoiled, but I don't think I am. I just don't have any brothers or sisters to share with."

Are birth order roles subconscious or do parents treat children differently depending on when they are born into the family? Mother of junior Gabrielle Juhasz and two other children said, "Yes, you treat children differently. Each is different and has their own personality."



# Turnabout COSTS

## Who pays more?

When one thinks of a high school dance, one thinks of the photos, flowers and proper attire that make the memories. However, the high cost of these items has created a bind for some couples, especially during Turnabout when the female takes the brunt of paying for the expenses. But, some males think they still shoulder the burden of the high dance costs.

"Who pays more?" Of course, the girls say they do. For instance unless they borrow a dress, a new dress may cost anywhere from \$100 to \$250, jewelry \$50, shoes \$25, gloves \$30, Turnabout tickets \$25, pictures \$30, and then there are extras like tanning sessions which can begin at \$6 a session.

"I definitely spent more than my date. I estimate I spent about \$315, while my date spent approximately \$75," said sophomore Amy Hruskocy.

"It's never always the same, sometimes the girl spends more, but then other times the guy will spend more. It just depends how far out they want to go," said senior Shannon Powers.

In contrast, males think they spend more. "I think the guy pays for flowers, dinner, a new suit, and transportation because he wants to make a good impression," said senior Erin Cheffer. Their expenses range from \$65-\$200 for a new suit, \$40-\$50 for flowers, \$50-\$70 for dinner, \$10 to fill up the gas tank to \$30 or more for limosine rental. Add to that any costs of going to Chicago afterwards, as many couples do.

It seems to be a constant disagreement every year. Who really does pay more? "If both people didn't try to out do each other then maybe it wouldn't be such a controversy," said senior Nikki Bowron.

"The girls don't have to pay more, but they do because they just go nuts over dresses so it's their own fault," said sophomore Mitch Ensign.

Students weren't the only ones having fun at Turnabout. Chaperons Mrs. Dian and Mr. Dick Reymore enjoy dancing together.

Sophomore Joe Gonzalez shows off his fancy footwork while dancing with junior Amy Will.



Sophomore Alan Sutkowski participates in a dance tradition by removing the garter from his date, sophomore Lora Lee Kilgore.

Turnabout court: Jason Matthews, Angie Matson, Ron Govert, Terri Letts, Scott Sherry, Mindy Davis, Rex Lamb, Jodi Haack, Prince Ryan Hoover, and Princess Paige Jacoby.





# TURNABOUT

*Changing roles*

The fun and excitement  
before and after

**T**aking the initiative to ask a girl out on a date has played with guys' nerves for a long time. In the 1990s, guys still do most of the asking except for the winter event sponsored by the sophomore class -- Turnabout.

Once they find a date their task isn't over yet, they still have to buy a dress, make dinner reservations, and finish all the other last minute details, which can be very hectic.

With the exception of those few who attended with an upperclassman as freshmen, for most sophomores it was their first year to attend Turnabout.

"The night was very special and exciting for

me especially since it was my first year," said sophomore Sandie Bronson.

Turnabout was held at the Greek Orthodox Hall in Schererville on February 2. As students preferred a DJ rather than a band the music was provided Music Men, local DJs.

Sophomores nominated by their classmates comprised the Turnabout court of Jason Matthews, Ron Govert, Scott Sherry, Rex Lamb, Ryan Hoover, Angie Matson, Terri Letts, Jodi Haack, Mindy Davis, and Paige Jacoby.

The court lined up while the audience and the court waited for last year's Prince junior Mike Hernandez and Princess junior Tricia Royce to announce the new Prince and Princess, sophomores Ryan Hoover and Paige

Jacoby.

"I was extremely shocked. I could have thought of a hundred others girls that should have made it, but I was very happy," said princess Paige Jacoby. After the crowning, the year's new royalty led a dance to the theme 'In My Dreams'.

When the dancing was through and it was time for dining, many couples went to different hot spots close by such as Alexanders and Scherwood Club, or farther away to the Spa or for a night on the town in Chicago, among other places.

"My date and a bunch of our friends went to The Spa. It had a nice atmosphere and great food," said junior Christie Craftt.

"We went to Chicago so we were able to do more," said junior Denise DeBoer.

After a night of dancing and being with friends, sophomore Jonna Gehring and her boyfriend Sean Tucker sit this one out.



# What they're LOOKING FOR Judging tryouts

During tryouts the students aren't the only ones under pressure, the judges are too, whether they are a panel of outsiders or coaches within the school.

A group who uses a panel of outside judges for tryouts are the cheerleaders. This panel was comprised of sponsors from area high schools who judged the candidates on their cheering ability, including partner stunts, cartwheel, splits, gymnastics, a dance, the school song and the ability to choose a cheer that fits a game situation. In addition they were also judged on their appearance, pep, poise and personality projection.

"The judges look for the girl's ability to motivate a crowd. A cheerleader should have a performance personality and that must come across when trying out," said cheerleading sponsor Ms. Julie Marcinek.

In addition to their performance, which counts as two-thirds of the total tryout score, the candidates must have an evaluation completed from each of their classroom teachers. These teacher evaluations count as the final one-third of the total score.

Using similar criteria are the Pantherettes. They too, perform in front of a panel of judges during a one-day tryout. They are judged on their ability to march, dance, and pick-up a routine quickly and be able to perfect it. The school song and a flag routine are also included. They also had completed teacher evaluations counting as one-third of the total tryout score. Judges included former Pantherettes, band director Noel Cross, the Bishop Noll pom sponsor and a Chicagoo Luvabull.

"Probably every girl would say something different, but generally, I would say the long dance routine was the hardest part of tryouts--along with sore muscles," said Pantherettesponsor Mrs. Martha Davis.

Deep in concentration Tricia Royce runs to catch a ground ball during softball workouts. Tricia made the team and played the position of catcher.



Sophomore Scott Mauch polishes up his pitching skills in hopes of making the baseball team.

Concentrating on catching the instructor's moves, these freshman girls practice a flag routine for Pantherette tryouts.







# SPRING TRYOUTS

*Making the team*

The stress and waiting  
through it all

**C**ompeting for a spot on a team such as baseball, cheerleading or Pantherettes often adds stress to a student's life, but many put that extra pressure upon themselves in hopes of making the final cuts.

"Tryouts are hard work but you survive... If you want something badly enough you'll do better than your best," said sophomore Sandie Bronsen.

In sports such as softball and baseball the

Freshman Holly Huddleston practices an elevator stunt to perform during cheerleading tryouts. Holly made the JV squad.

Kicking up their heels. Leanna Barber, Jenny Kerr, Angie Matson, Susan Carter, and Cindy Knezevich practice for Pantherette tryouts.

student goes through extensive amounts of conditioning in order to get ready for tryouts. Of the 50 who tried out for baseball, 39 survived the cuts and made the team.

"We attempted to run the guys through any baseball ability they knew. I think the freshmen were under more stress than players from last year," said head Coach Jim Anderson.

"If you're good and you know what you're doing, you'll make the team, if not you're cut. It's that simple," said junior Jerry Murdock who made the team as a pitcher and outfielder.

Using a tryout system involving judges other than the coaching staff are the cheerleaders and Pantherettes.

Although the sponsors do not select the final members, they do organize the tryouts and practice sessions for the candidates.

The cheerleaders participate in five days of learning sessions before the actual one day tryout while the Pantherettes practice for ten days before the tryouts.

"The girls trying out are under a lot of stress. A majority of the girls drop out before the week is over," said senior Pantherette Beth Menser.

"Tryouts are a very stressful time. From the callout meeting throughout that entire week it's the only thing that is on my mind," said sophomore Danielle Dudek, who made the varsity squad.



# Students DIRECT play after six years

Extraordinary things can happen when students put their minds to it. And that is exactly what happened when Jeff Ferguson and Joe Judge produced and directed the spring production of "The Butler Did It", the first student directed play in six years.

"It was very challenging directing the play and very time consuming at times I felt I was in over my head at times but in the end it all paid off," said Ferguson.

Judge enjoyed the experience also. He said, "I thought the people involved in the play and I worked quite well together."

In a production of this size there weren't many problems and the minor problems were taken care of by the director. "As the producer I took care of the business end of the production. I was in charge of overseeing the advertisement, took care of ticket sales, and helped get props and accessories for the stage," said Judge.

Others involved in the production of the play included the stage crew, managed by senior Tim Gatlin who was the Stage crew manager and set designer.

"I feel Tim used a lot of ingenuity in building the sets, he also did a superb job in getting it all put together," said senior Mike Stucky.

The background and props included building a den scenery.

Ferguson and Gatlin also made up an eerie ending to the production, where the man of 40 faces came out with a knife raised above his head. The curtain closed, the maid screamed-- the end.

Sophomore Bryan Dominguez acts out the character of Louis Fan during a rehearsal.



Haversham, played by freshman Jamie Benson was in a state of shock after finding a dead body.

Freshman Gavin Reymoe, portraying Chandler Marlowe, practices his lines with fellow actors.



# WHO DID IT?

## *The butler*

Spring play directed by students provides entertaining mystery

**A**t an imaginative dinner party, thrown by well known society hostess Miss Maple the unexpected happened-- a dead body was found, and with a room full of detective writers the night proved to be quite zany with characters stumbling over each other to find clues for a murder.

Thereafter the plot came to a shocking climax with the unmasking of the bogus maid, who was really the killer.

The play was directed and produced by seniors Jeff Ferguson

Student Director senior Jeff Ferguson gives instructions during a rehearsal.

Freshman Gavin Reyome as Chandler Marlowe puts the other characters on the hotseat as the plot develops.

and Joe Judge. They earned the change to direct and produce the play by presenting a written request to Mr. Gerald Spejewski, drama director.

"This was my first year actually being in a production, and I feel the production had a very successful turnout," said senior Tim Wilsbach.

Many cast members felt that Ferguson did an extraordinary job directing.

The cast consisted of eleven characters; three seniors, one sophomore and seven freshmen.

"The talent in the freshman class was quite impressive," said Judge.

The characters were portrayed as follows: Miss Maple, Laura Nichols; Haversham, Jamie Benson; Rita Eyelsbarrow, Angie

Karlstedt; Chandler Marlowe, Gavin Reyome; Louis Fan, Bryan Dominguez; Father White, Dan Bartnicki; Peter Flimsy, Chris Swatts; Rich Carlyle, Tim Wilsbach; Laura Carlyle, Leah Bulema; Mysterious radio voice, Mike Sticky; Charity Haze, Keela Gootee.

"I had a lot of fun and I really enjoyed being with the people I met," said freshman Keela Gootee.

"The talent of the freshman class really amazed me, the next few years are very promising as far as drama is concerned," said Ferguson.

Although practices seemed neverending and the cast agrees that after seeing the outcome, they'd do it again.



# Prom TAKES A change for the better or worse?

After the double booking of a wedding and the Prom at the usual hall, juniors were faced with the task of finding a different location for the spring's event. So for the first time on May 10, the Junior-Senior Prom was held at the Croation Center in Merrillville.

Not only was the hall changed, but the Prom day itself was changed also. Instead of holding Prom on a Saturday, it was held on a Friday due to the availability of the hall. Students attending Prom were assigned to different AV rooms, for a brief meeting during their fifth hour class to discuss the voting rules and directions. Afterwards the students were dismissed to prepare for a night of dinner and dancing.

"I personally liked holding Prom on a Friday, because it gave the students a longer weekend to engage in other activities and still have a day to rest up," said Junior Class Sponsor Mrs. Teresa Carstensen. Some students, however, did not agree. Senior Melissa Flemming said, "Having Prom on a Friday didn't really give us enough time to get ready, even though we were let out early."

Since the Croation Hall was smaller, the Junior Class was able to be more elaborate with the decorations, like the double balloon arch over the dance floor and the centerpieces. Though the dance floor was smaller, the dining area seated the 125 student couples quite comfortably.

The junior class and its sponsor would like to hold Prom on a Friday again in following years. "Things really seemed to work out well even after all the confusion and there weren't as many cuts from school the following Monday," said Carstensen.

Queen Tricia Royce and King Bryan Galocy dance after being crowned. They were chosen by votes of all students attending.



Junior Mike Toth contemplates handing over the dough to his date. Between attire, photographs, flowers and the next day's activities, Prom expenses can quickly add up.

Senior Nick Vittorio and his girlfriend junior Diana Davis dance the night away to the sound of the Music Men.





# WE CAN LAST *Forever* or at least the memories can

**P**rom night, a night to remember. The Junior class chose, "We Can Last Forever" as the theme and "Open Arms" by Journey, for the song.

"I had a blast because I was with my friends," said sophomore Amy Hruskocy.

For a change of scenery and because of scheduling problems, the dance was held at the Croation Center in Merrillville. Doors opened at 6 p.m. for those who were eager to wait in line for pictures.

"It seems as though the line for pictures moved pretty slow but then the students had an array of optional packages to choose from,"

said junior class sponsor Mrs. Teresa Carstensen. "The hall was really nice; however, I felt it was very small," said junior Tara Anderson. Before the excitement of the dancing began dinner was served. After dinner, promgoers kicked up their heels to music provided by the "Music Men".

Junior Chris Logan said, "Some of the music was great and a couple of friends and I got up on stage and started dancing."

"I thought Prom was fun because of who I went with and because my friends were there," said sophomore Phil Isally.

While the DJs took a break the crowning of the king and queen took place. Candidates were Jenny Cebulski, Queen Tricia Royle, Denise DeBoer, Corey Hrdina, Jenny Kerr, and Rick

Burks, King Bryan Galocy, Donnie Higgins, Rich Jerome, Greg Uhter.

"It felt great to win. I will not forget that moment for the rest of my life," said junior Bryan Galocy.

After the dancing and music wound down, couples started leaving and headed for night spots such as the beach, and Chicago.

Prom was held on Friday; therefore, there were an array of things to do over the weekend. A few of places people went were Great America, the beach, Turkey Run, or to catch a ball game or walk around Chicago.

"Going to Turkey Run was fun, but the weather made it even more enjoyable because we got to canoe and even get in the water," said senior Jim Borders.



# Changes in TRENDS through the years

Ever since Adam and Eve wore leaves, fashion has been changing. Through the years styles have come and gone and people can't believe some of the things that have been in style. When reminiscing about the good old days different people say I Remember When.

"We used to wear those stupid looking Butterfly hair clips, bright blue eye make up, charm necklaces and bracelets and anything that had to do with Madonna," said junior Tanya Gucca.

"We wore those ugly prints, corduroy pants, leg warmers, and big ugly rainboots," said Jen Romano.

"Everyone wore bright neon seatbelts. The funniest thing I remember was when everyone wore clogs," said senior Mary McCarty.

"High tops first came out and all the girls had to have them. The jelly bracelet phase was also quite hilarious. Whoever had the most bracelets was the coolest," said Junior Jennifer Osborne.

"We used to used wear F-I tennis shoes, Moonboots, Mickey Mouse anything, Superman pajamas and Balmain underwear," said sophomore Grant Jennings.

"We wore toughskin jeans, and white three striped gym shoes and lumber back vests," said senior Jim Borders.

"Very wide bell bottom hip hugger jeans, short skirts, skirtik tops, halter tops, platform shoes, beaded jewelry, tie-dye clothes, long hair and very little make-up," said English teacher Mrs. Sue Patricks.

"Straight long black skirts with slits up the back and bobbie socks rolled down with two inches of leg showing, white blouses with the collar turned up and either penny loafers or saddle shoes. Also, if you were going steady with someone you wore a cat collar around your ankle," said assistant librarian Mrs. Jean Herd.

Oversized shirts and tight pants were demonstrated by senior Barb Belush.



Senior Holly Farrar shows that flowers are still "in" as she walks down the runway at the fashion show.



Showing that business suits are elegant and fashionable, senior Marie Lauderdale models one of her own designs.

"Groovy, man," junior Tracey Merriman shows off her psychedelic leggings that have suddenly come back in style along with other 60's clothes.



# STRUTTING

## *Our stuff*

GHS sewing students put together a fashion show to show off their work

**S**tyle, fashion, and talent are what is needed in order to create a successful and entertaining fashion show.

Not only was the fashion show a grand success but it also included many surprising and entertaining changes.

Muscle pants were the "in" thing this year, not only to wear, but to make in sewing class. Adding to the nights festivities were some of GHS's finest male students modeling these pants.

Each different style of clothing had its own special section and also its own special music which added to the success of the show.

Other than style, fashion, and talent there are also other things that

make a good talent show. "Experience was really paying off this year. I think they had faith in my judgment of their capabilities and they also had faith in themselves." Sewing teacher Mrs. Keithley said.

Any play, concert, movie, or other production has a director or some person that puts the thing together. Mrs. Keithley, was the major stronghold of the fashion show. Senior Marie Lauderdale said, "I would never have gotten where I am now without the help of Mrs. Keithley."

Senior Barb Belush said, "A lot of people have talent that nobody knows about and the show offers them a chance to show that talent. It's also fun and it gives our parents a chance to see what we've done."

Fashion design, Fashion

Merchandising and other related careers are fast paced and hard to get into. The fashion show offers the ones who have decided to go into this field a taste of what the fashion world is like. Jennifer Romano said, "It's good to know how to put on and see the excitement behind the scenes. It gets really hectic sometimes with people trying to get everything to go right."

Through the years the fashion show has included many special guest models such as mothers, animals, brothers, sisters, and babies. This year was no different.

The fashion show wasn't just a grand success but was also full of entertainment and variety. Some of the different clothing categories were business, Halloween, formals, sports wear, kids, and casual clothing.

Junior Sherry Bragg and senior Ben Murphy walk down the runway wearing their dressy attire.



# What GRADUATION Means to Me

Webster's Dictionary defines graduation as being the act of receiving a diploma testifying that the student has completed a certain course, the ceremony attending the giving of diplomas.

Seniors have their own way of defining graduation.

Senior Dave Crossley said, "Graduation is the end of the beginning and the beginning of the end."

Senior Lisa Osmolski said, "The time in your life when you're expected to grow up and enter the world."

Senior Stephanie Gilbert said, "The moment I've been waiting for all of my life because I get to go away to college and experience new things."

Senior Nikki Kurzeja said, "It's a time of relief because all of the pressures of high school are gone."

Senior Jennifer Lassiter said, "Graduation is when I leave all of my friends to go away to college, but I get to meet new ones when I get there."

Senior Heather Doroff said, "A happy time because I'm out of high school, but a sad time because most of my friends will be going away."

Senior Andy Lane said, "It's great because it's like I finally got out of jail."

"Ladies, Gentleman and students," Valedictorian Brian Jamison gives his speech during graduation ceremonies.



Senior Stephanie Gilbert smiles wide as School Board member Mr. Claude Hochstetler hands her the awaited diploma.



After dropping his cap, senior Chris Swatts walks off of the stage to rejoin the Class of 1991 one last time.



# COMMENCEMENT

## *Class of '91*

Seniors say goodbye to

**T** faculty and friends

brought out the years, students, administration and faculty of G.H.S. have come and gone. The time to leave and face the things of adulthood and responsibility has come for seniors, that day to remember was graduation. It brought the feeling of nervousness by some seniors and sheer joy felt by others. For the parents it brought a feeling of happiness, but also sadness because their son or daughter would now be going away to college. Remembering her feeling while waiting for commencement, senior Marie Lauderdale said, "I can't believe it's time to leave. I'm really excited to further my education but I'm also afraid to be out in the real world."

Others were simply fed up with school and "Yes, we made it!" the senior class threw their caps in the air signifying the end of their high school years.

wanted out! "I'm so happy that high school is finally over, it's about time," said senior Mary McCarty.

The commencement service was held on Wednesday June 5, 1991 at 7:00 p.m. on the football field. After the procession played, the invocation was given by Rev. Steve Gilbert of the Griffith Church of God. The band then played "The Phantom of the Opera" preceding Rev. Gilbert's Baccalaureate address. Following the address were speeches from Dana Anderson salutatorian; Brian Jamison Valedictorian; and Mike Hipp senior class president.

The presentation of the class of 1991 was done by Principal Samuel Cox and diplomas were handed out by superintendent Robert Kurtz where the seniors were able to turn their tassels and become graduates. Seniors

were once again able to throw their caps in the air, after a petition was formed and signed for it to be allowed.

Though there are many different reactions to graduating, there comes a time when everyone has to put their 13 years of school behind them and move on into the "real world". For some the experience is considered scary; on the other hand, others find it to be a challenge they have been waiting for.

Senior Holly Farrar said, "Though I am going on and leaving high school for the real world I won't forget the good and bad things that happened. I used to think the day would never come but now that it's here and gone I'm simply overjoyed."

Senior Stephanie Gilbert added, "Graduating is exciting, however, I'll miss my friends when I go away to college."





# How well DID YOU Do on this quiz?

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14. a) 2 b) 1 c) 2
15. a) 1 b) 3 c) 2

Did American Chemical help to preserve the environment as much as McDonalds or Burger King, or didn't it?

"I've got it!" Junior Don Wasserman spikes the ball during a game at the new volleyball nets at Central Park.



"Which one should I choose?" Senior Jennifer Seberger decides which suntan lotion would be better to use to get a good tan.

( 36-45 )

Boy you should have taken Miss Marcinek's Journalism class or Mr. Hastings' Current Events class. At least then you would have known what has happened in the news over the past year.

( 25-35 )

Pretty good, but it wouldn't hurt to pay attention to the news a little more. Maybe even reading the *Enquirer* might help some.

( 15-24 )

You can say that this is one test you passed. You should be proud of yourself. All that staying up late and watching the 10 p.m. news. Congratulations!

# PEOPLE AND PLACES

## *Of today*

Are you up to date with what's going on around you?

- 1- Who was the most controversial group or person of the year?  
a- Two Live Crew  
b- Madonna  
c- New Kids on the Block
- 2- What farm animals made their debut on the news?  
a- A pig from Chicago  
b- A cow from Merrillville  
c- The Reflector Staff
- 3- What was the favorite food of the year?  
a- Beefy's  
b- Jr's Hotdogs  
c- Cafeteria food
- 4- What Northwest Indiana event caused the most panic of the year?  
a- Highland Flood  
b- Earthquake  
c- The Shotgun Killer
- 5- The biggest clothing fad of the year was?  
a- Baby Doll Dresses  
b- Leggings  
c- Overalls (held up with one strap)
- 6- Over the year what was destroyed?  
a- The dinasoars leg  
b- Comiskey Park  
c- Iraq
- 7- Who was the most popular man of the year?  
a- Saddam Hussien  
b- Dan Quayle  
c- Donald Ray
- 8- What was the favorite way G.H.S. students got tanned?  
a- Tanning beds  
b- The beach  
c- Tan in a bottle
- 9- Cutest couple of the year?  
a- Julia Roberts and Kiefer Sutherland  
b- Johnny Depp and Winona Ryder  
c- Beth Menser and Josh Pratt
- 10- Best movie or screen play of the year?  
a- Home Alone  
b- Two by Two  
c- Drop Dead Fred
- 11- What was the best music group of the year?  
a- Avant Garde
- 12- What were the major activities in Grif-fith?  
a- Drinking  
b- Playing Volleyball at Central Park  
c- Studying for tests
- 13- Who helped the enviornment the most?  
a- McDonalds  
b- American Chemicals  
c- Burger King
- 14- What was the most memorable day of the year?  
a- When Kevin Costner won 7 Oscars  
b- Dan Pastar played baseball in the J- Room hall and broke the window  
c- When some seniors got caught on the football field after stealing a hippo and a dinosaur
- 15- Who were the three most popular teams of the year?  
a- The Bulls  
b- The Cubs  
c- The Lady Panthers

Junior Dana Kelderman checks the videos that someone wants to take home and watch for the night.



# TAKE a new LOOK

Football with leather helmets, no girls sports, and Intramural sports are some of the things that have either vanished into history or have been updated through time. However, since 1941 sports such as girls softball, soccer, and cheerlifters have replaced these and have become part of Griffith High School students' lives.

Sports have become more exciting as the varsity cheerleaders took first at camp and the captains traveled to London while the football team captured the Sectional Title. The managers, players and spectators have all taken a look at sports and their changes and accomplishments.



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# 1990-91

This year the football team won sectionals for the first time since 1981. Football has changed over the years with the help of a more determined coaching staff and team. In 1950 the guys basketball team wore Chuck Taylor's which were then in style but over time have been replaced by Nike or Adidas. Even though cheerleaders are still a major part of the sports program, they too have also changed. With the help of guy lifters they have been able to do more sophisticated stunts.

# 1970



# 1980



## SCORES

GHS	OPPONENT
44	Horace Mann 0
42	Lowell 6
28	Munster 6
12	Crown Point 14
36	Calumet 0
0	Lake Central 29
28	Highland 14
35	Kankakee Valley 7

## PLAYOFFS SECTIONALS

GHS	OPPONENTS
42	Benton Central 0
40	Bishop Noll 12
28	Gavit 6

## REGIONALS

GHS	OPPONENT
6	South Bend St. Joe 35



"The best moment of my senior year was winning the sectional when the whole crowd ran out on the field," said senior Nick Vittorio.



Football team: Back row, Joe Reitz, Rich Serene, Keith Harwood, Clint Lamb, John Verhech, Alan Sarkowski, Scott Sherry, Mike Serrano, Don Wasserman, Jim Bogner, Coach Thornton. 3rd, Coach Kutsche, Coach Wroblewski, Dave Comer, Mike Bell, Rick Burks, Jim Crook, Jeff Harder, Neil Mikulas, Steve Mitcheson, Nick Matthews, Alex Dujak, Nick Vittorio, Mike Wozniak, coach Komara. 2nd, Coach Reysone, Dianne Higgins, Mike Hernandez, Bill Polster, Mitch Macyszak, Scott Sutton, Russ Dewes, Daryl Lopez, Jay Hackworth, Jason Reysone, Tim Garvey, Andy Wroblewski, Coach Anderson. Front row, Managers: Rocky Rodriguez, Christine Hochstetler, Tracy Murphy, Todd Lintse, Eric Schinler, Jason Anderson, Jerry Murdoch, Jack Maina, Scott Lintse. Trainers: Karen Hoffman, Lori Rodriguez, Manager Lisa Fonseca.



Senior Clint Lamb looks upfield as he rounds the corner to escape the Gavit defender safely to score six for the Panthers.

After a Panther touchdown junior Scott Sutton kicks an extra point through the uprights.





Wishbone offense again contributes  
to winning season, playoff fever as we proved

## bad to the bone

The sweet smell of victory was in the air. For the first time since 1984 the Panthers won the sectional championship by defeating Gavit 28-6. Although the win was sweet, there were still ups and downs along the way.

"I feel we should have beaten Crown Point but unfortunately we had a bad night with the refs and ourselves," said senior Mike Worosz.

"We always work good together as a team but the leadership by seniors in the past wasn't there," said senior Tim Garvey.

Unfortunately, the Panthers also fell victim to many serious injuries during the season, especially during the Lake Central game.

"There was a lot more than just injuries," said Coach Les Thornton, "senior John Verbich had to have knee surgery, and so did our starting quarterback Alex Djukic." So many injuries could have had an effect on the season, but our strong and experienced team was not overly affected, as replacement players were equally strong.

Griffith was named one of the most effective offensive teams by setting new records for total offense. They also exceeded others in average yards per game and rushing yards. Although Griffith's offense was strong, the defense was not always the same.

"Our offense was a lot more powerful than our defense, mostly because there were more skilled players on the offensive line," said senior halfback Mitch Maciszak.

At the beginning of the year, getting one step further in the sectional playoffs was on everyone's mind. But, getting through the regular season with a good record was top priority. Lake Central's huge team and Crown Point's talent would

impose big problems for the Panthers.

The impact of losing the conference championship was lessened by the fact that our only two losses were to Class 5A teams. The Panthers are a 3A team.

By the end of the regular season, our mouths watered at the thought of getting sweet revenge and beating Bishop Noll. "A highlight of my senior year was winning the Bishop Noll game; revenge is sweet," said senior Tim Garvey. Suddenly the Panther wishbone was one step closer to the sectional championship. Excitement was everywhere the day of the Gavit game. Mr. Thornton led the student body in a "Beat Gavit" chant at the pep rally and by the end of the day, the Panthers knew that they really were "Bad to the Bone". The sweet sectional victory made emotions run high for the players, coaches and fans. "The best moment of my senior year was winning sectionals when the whole student body ran onto the field," said senior Nick Vittorio. "When we were awarded the sectional trophy, after losing it two years in a row, made my senior year," said senior Dave Comer.

Unfortunately, only one team per class comes out a winner; the team becoming the State champions. But the Panthers just couldn't hold out against St. Joe and the dreams of State were shattered, ending the season with a record of 9-3.



Senior Keith Harwood warms up before the Gavit game taking a few passes from his teammates.

Senior Tim Garvey gets by the Gavit defensive line to add points and contribute to the sectional win.

## By beating Benton Central, Noll, Gavit Panthers reign as Class 3A Sectional 17

# champs

One might believe that when a panther meets a bison, warrior, and gladiator that there might be trouble. Although bison are big, panthers would be seen as quick and agile but even a panther might cower to a warrior and gladiator because of their advantage of brains. But during the sectional battle the Panthers proved to have all the brains and brawn, as they emerged the victors.

The first battle the Panthers faced was against the Benton Central Bison. Their toughness seemed to not upset the Panthers as they destroyed them 42-0.

When it came to the next game the Panthers did not want a repeat of 1989. They wouldn't let the Bishop Noll Warriors destroy their hopes of a Sectional victory again, and the Panthers dominated the Warriors in every aspect leaving them with a 40-12 loss. This put the Panthers in the championship game against Gavit.

Griffith crushed Gavit's defense

During the Gavit game the Panthers dominated Gavit's defense with 397 rushing yards.

with 397 rushing yards and a 28-6 victory before nearly a standing room only crowd of approximately 3,000 fans. Tim Garvey led the charge with 126 yards of 13 carries; Nick Mathews rushed ten times for 90 yards, and Clint Lamb added 58 yards in 8 carries. Scoring were Alex Djukic, Lamb, Mike Worosz and Jim Crosek, with 4 successful kicks by Scott Sutton.

Coaching in his third consecutive Sectional title game against a Hammond school, coach Les Thornton finally came away with the victory, making it the third sectional title in Griffith's history.



Senior Nick Mathews performs some fancy footwork as Bishop Noll's Don Turich tries to bring him down.

The football team huddles together at the pep rally and vows to "breakdown" the Gavit Gladiators.





Football players celebrate by displaying their newly won trophy and declaring they're number one after defeating Gavitt to clench the Sectional crown.

To get the crowd pumped up for the game coach Thorton leads the cheer 'Beat Gavitt' with the 'Bone' during the pep rally.



Senior John Verbich drenches his head with water during a time out in the game against Gavitt.

After the victory the players run around the field to share the victory with the crowd and display the 'bone'.

## Despite slow season start Girls defeat LSC foes LC, Calumet and Highland to

# serve up wins

others as one big group trying to play the best that they can. "As the season just started, we weren't playing together, but we finally realized we needed to work and we finally improved," said Royce.

"At times the team has done

From the sidelines, watching volleyball can be an exciting but repetitious game. It's a fulfilled sport which requires a quick concentration span, a good pair of eyes, and a strong set of hands to bump the ball.

This game is a great way to have fun and compete at the same time. "I like to play volleyball for the fun, exercise, and competition," said senior Pam Stanford.

Junior Tricia Royce agreed, "I like to play volleyball because of the competition and the way you play the volleying of the ball."

"What I enjoy about volleyball is how you're always moving and it takes team effort, not just one person," commented junior Kim Fulkerson.

Practicing pays off in the end. Many of the team's members get all ready and excited for the games. "I look forward to games a lot because I love volleyball. It has become an important part of my life," said senior Ruth Ann Jetton.

Senior Amy Strack said, "The way I, and fellow team members get ready before the games is by blasting music by Vanilla Ice or M.C. Hammer. That hypes us up a lot."

Unfortunately, the Girls volleyball team started out with a dragging season. After a few games they finally pulled up their record. Sophomore Anita Garnet said, "I think we started off really slow, but when we started playing up to our potential, we played a lot better, more as a team."

In volleyball, teamwork is part of the sport. For them to be able to play as a team they needed to not only use their ability to work as an individual team member, but to work along side with the

really well, but we have also had our down spots," said Stanford. "If our team pulled together, we played to our potential. If it wasn't team effort, we didn't play well at all."

As a whole, the team worked well together, which helped in many games to make them win. "They were a very team-oriented group. They lacked a few things like key instinct, to put the other team away at the end of a match, but for the most part they were dedicated," said Coach Don Whittemore.

There were some injuries that made them unable to defeat other schools. A lot of unplanned rearranging was caused. "Amy Strack was out two weeks with a re-injury sprained ankle," said Whittemore, "then Tricia Royce hurt her ankle. She was one of our main serve-receivers."

The ending of the season was pretty much an extreme downfall for the team. Their first sectional game that they played was lost against Crown Point. "Sectionals didn't go as well as we all wanted it to go," Fulkerson said, "I didn't like the way it ended at all. I would have liked to win but if we tried our best, that's all we can say."

After the season was over and sectionals were also the seniors of the team finally realized it was their last chance to play on Griffith turf and to bring their school volleyball year to an end.



Junior Tricia Royce spikes the ball with an assist from senior Pam Stanford.

Sophomore Leslie Biscan bumps the ball over the net to score for the Panthers.





# SCORES

Hebron-L  
 Andean-L  
 Clark-L  
 Hobart-L  
 Whiting-L  
 LakeStation-L  
 River Forest-W  
 Gavit-W  
 Wirt-W  
 Morton-L  
 Hanover Central-L  
 Calumet-W  
 EC Central-W  
 Roosevelt-W  
 Hammond-W  
 Merrillville-L  
 Munster-L  
 West Side-W  
 Highland-W  
 Crown Point-L  
 Lake Central-W  
 Lowell-L  
 Crown Point-L



"I think we started off really slow, but when we started playing up to our potential, we played a lot better, said sophomore Anita Garnet



Top row: Coach Don Whittemore, Katy Gulotta, Leslie Biscan, Amy Strack, Jenny Seculla, Nikki Kurzeja, Pam Stanford, and coach Ameling. Bottom Row: Kim Fulkerson, Tricia Butler, Tricia Royce, Anita Garnet, Jenny Huss, Kim Woodall, Amy Smith



Senior Ruth Ann Jetton prepares to smash her serve across the net to score a point against Lake Central.



Senior Aimee Smith sets the ball for her teammate to spike the ball to her opponent.



## Small team, big results Wins in doubles, singles puts team in

# swing of things

At the beginning of the year and the season, the Griffith tennis team jumped into the 1990-91 school year in a pretty good position. "I thought we did really well this year, and next year, I hope will be even better," said Junior Bryan Galocy.

Senior Brian Jamison said, "The team played very well as a whole. Every individual contributed to the team effort, which is what enabled us to pull out some close matches."

"We started off good and ended very good. It was an overall good year for us," said senior Gregg Rochefort.

Not only did the team compete well as a whole, but individual work was required, also. "I think I, personally, have done consistently well, and this season did not disappoint my performance as a competitive tennis player," said senior Chris Swatts.

"I felt I had a productive season overall," said senior Andy Lane.

Some of the players aren't just beginners. Either they had started out on the team or eventually joined. "I've been playing tennis since I was a freshmen," said Lane.

"I started playing varsity tennis midway through my sophomore year. I knew the tennis team needed players and I thought I could help," said Swatts.

Consequently, the team had no experience from private lessons, which showed that they were good, even without professional instruction. "I'm happy about the way we played because we learned on our own instead of taking lessons like others do," said junior Vlado Trivunovic.

Lane agreed, "The team wasn't very experienced, as some other teams were, but we had a group of good, smart, athletes."

Some people immediately think tennis is an easy sport. While playing, concentration is important. Lane said, "Physically, tennis is an easy game,

but mentally it is more frustrating than any other sport I've played."

"It's easy to play if you like the sport and want to learn how to play, otherwise it's hard," Trivunovic added.

Jeff O'Brien said, "Tennis is a more demanding sport than people think. You need to have fast judgment while you're playing."

"I got most of my hits in but I was too conservative," said Rochefort.

Not only is tennis mentally challenging, concentrating on the ball and the opponent at the same time makes the match hard. "The hardest match for me was when I played against Munster," Jamison said.

"The hardest match for me was Gary Wirt because I went 3 sets with him twice and lost both times and had a chance to win," said Trivunovic.

Other common reasons of playing tennis is the exercise and fun during the game. "Playing tennis gives me something to do, and I play in tournaments over the summer," said Trivunovic.

Jamison summed up the whole season for the team. "On a scale of one to ten, I rate the tennis team about a seven because we were over .500 for the season and overall did well."



Senior Chris Swatts stretches to hit a powerful serve over the net to start the match.



Junior Vlado Trivunovic swings his racket with all his might to establish a good back-and-forth game.



Senior Chris Swatts concentrates on perfecting his backhand return to thwart his opponent.



Senior Brian Jamison sweeps to complete an underhanded swing hit low so he can continue the volley and avoid losing a point.

## SCORES

Clark	W
Crown Point	L
Morton	W
Munster	L
Gavit	W
Calumet	W
Lowell	W
Highland	L
Hammond High	W
River Forest	W
Lake Station	W
West Side	L
EC Central	W
Wirt	W
Sectionals:	
Calumet	W
Merrillville	L



"The team wasn't very experienced, as some other teams were, but we had a group of good, smart athletes."

Senior Andy Lane



Back: Dave Crossley, Andy Lane, Chris Swatts, Brian Jamison.  
Front row: Ricky Lane, Joe Gonzalez, Jeff O'Brian

Lack of experience  
makes it hard for the Panthers to

# swim up stream

For many years, the girls swimming team has been much in need of more swimmers. This year was different. The team's number of members was increased due to the amount of freshmen girls who joined. "Now that we have more people,

it's easier to fill events," said junior Ronda Myers.

Getting more swimmers also helped improve the team's work as a whole. "Having more players was a big part of getting better. If you don't have a big team, the other team can win because they have people in the event," said freshman Jamie Govert.

"Lots of times we lost because we didn't have enough people," said Myers.

Not only did the team increase in size, they improved as well. Most of the swimmers that returned from last year were more experienced while many new swimmers started at the bottom. "There were definitely a few more people than last year, and most of the people worked harder since last year," said sophomore Gina Steapleton.

Myers added, "Most of us seem to get better each year. You begin to know the stroke more and try to perfect it."

"I decided one day to be in swimming and eventually kept getting better," said Govert.

Though many worked together as a team, individual improvement was essential in improving the team's swimming. Govert said, "There's a few that would work together and help each other and there were some that just work alone to improve their swimming."

"I enjoy swimming a lot. It's a sport that is more individual,

there is more competing by yourself and not as much like teamwork," said Myers.

Swimming isn't just competition, it's an enjoyable sport that is challenging to all swimmers. "Swimming is something I've enjoyed all my life. I

can do it well and it presents a challenge," said junior Jennifer King. "Every time you go out and swim for a meet, it's a different challenge," King added.

Fun and games and competition are all part of this underwater sport, but a lot of hard work is put into it. "It's a lot of physical work. During the summer vacation we had two practices a day. It makes you physically tired," Myers said.

"It's very hard work to swim and takes a lot of time, and that made it hard for me because I missed a lot of the season," said Steapleton.

There are some certain strokes that make the sport a little difficult. King said, "The 200 Individual Medley is the hardest for me to swim. It's all different strokes and they're fast."

Many accomplishments were made during this year. Gina Steapleton broke a record for the 100 Breaststroke with 123.5 seconds. Many of the others made it into finals, but didn't quite go all the way to state.

Having goals make swimmers work harder to attain those certain goals. "The goal of a lot of people in swimming is to break records, especially school records," Myers said.

"I just like to see everyone else perform to their best ability, and that happened this year. I feel this was my part of being a captain," said King.



Junior Jennifer King waits patiently to dive into the pool and race across to the finish.

When it comes to having fun the swimming team feels that pushing coach Ron Govert in the pool is a blast.





## SCORES

Merrillville L  
 Lowell L  
 Crown Point L  
 E.C. Central L  
 Calumet W  
 Munster L  
 Hammond High W  
 Hobart L  
 North Judson W  
 Kankakee Valley L  
 Highland L  
 Gavit W  
 Lake Central L



"Every time you go out and swim for a meet it's a different challenge," said junior Jennifer King



Seeing that her teammate has just finished she pushes off the platform to finish the relay.

Starting the race, sophomores Angie Gillispie and Rebecca Schoon dive into the pool hoping for a win.



Back Row: Nicci Mills, Christine Pikus, Laura Grash, Rebecca Schoon, Tammy Hardacker, Ronda Myers, Angie Gillispie, Kathy Riggle. 2nd row: Nikki Manno, Amy Boswinkle, Valire Webb, Sarah Curtis, Jenny King, Jamie Govert, Jen Osborne, Melissa Herquest, Gina Steapleton. Front row: Coach Ron Govert, Katie McDermott, Jamie Hartkins, Kim Putake, Maggie Rocha, Amber Evans, Michelle Taylor, Abby Dalach.



Small amount of runners made  
it hard for the Panthers to

# compete with others

The runners are all lined up, while the firing of the gun rings through the air. All the runners take off running with the blast into the woods where they will see who in the end will come out the winner.

Boys Cross Country is a small sport that devotes its time to running unlike track which has other events within it. It's a three mile course that goes over the hills and through the woods. "Most people think you have to be crazy to like running. I like to run and it keeps you in excellent shape," said junior Adam Shroader.

"I love it! It's competitive on both team and individual levels. It also tests your mental capabilities as well as your physical," said senior Don Hill.

Cross Country is one of the few sports at Griffith with a small amount of participants. "This was my first year in Cross Country and it seemed like a small team, but for our size we did pretty well," said junior Jim Lattin.

Being a small team did not stop them from trying their hardest. All the members were dedicated runners, but only a few scored in the top three positions during meets. "We have two to three good runners. We needed the fourth and fifth place runners to help us out. Our team score always seemed so much higher than the other team," Lattin said.

The team started practicing for the 1990-1991 season in June through July for the first meet on August 24. "On the average, the team ran six to ten miles per day long distance. They ran sprints, ran up and down the hills at Oakridge Prairie four or five times and they swam laps. They practiced five and six days together," said Coach Ron Divjak.



Trying to stay in shape for his next cross country meet senior Ryan Keen runs past the football field in pursuit for the school.

Junior Russell Flitter is joined by some of his friends during a run while he practices for cross country.



For such a small sport, it is often thought of as easy. Many of the participants in this sport agree that it is hard work. "It is a very tough sport! I've been through two years of football and I realized that the hardest

football practice wasn't that bad compared to the hard cross country workouts," said senior Ryan Keen.

"It is hard, but just do it," said Lattin.

Goals are important to any athlete. A goal all runners aim for is to drop time. Other major goals is to accomplish more than the previous year. "Our goal as a team was simply to do better than last year. In my opinion, we accomplished that," said senior Don Hill.

"My main goals were all-conference and qualifying for regionals," said Keen.

Shroader said, "A goal from the teams point of view is to be more competitive and win some races for a change."

"I feel a major goal I would have for next year is just winning more meets. We might have a really good chance at it too," commented Lattin.

Senior Ryan Keen accomplished making First Team All-Conference, which is an award given to the top seven runners in the conference. This was the first year in Divjak's career of coaching Cross Country at Griffith that someone made all-conference. "That was a tremendous accomplishment for Ryan and myself," said Divjak.

Senior Don Hill summed up his feelings about the season. "I would rate this year in general about a seven because of our much improved performance."





Fighting to get stay ahead of opponents who are gaining on him senior Ryan Keen rounds the corner with vengeance.

Making sure he doesn't get hurt junior Jim Lattin stretches out before practice to limber up.

## SCORES

Gavitt Invite: 6th  
 Lowell: 2nd  
 Merrillville: 2nd  
 Andream: 2nd  
 Calumet/Bishop Noll/Crown Point: 3rd  
 Hobart Invite: 12th  
 Highland Invite: 16th  
 Munster/Lake Central/Griffith/Horace Mann: 3rd  
 Conference: 5th  
 Sectionals: 7th



"My main goals were all-conference and qualifying for regionals," said senior Ryan Keen



Back Row: Richie Korba, John Korba, Todd Kosteba, Ryan Keen, Jim Lattin. Front Row: Russell Fliter, Don Hill, Adam Schroader, Tom Murray

# Taking a look at the people



Senior Aaron Adelsperger reads Sports Illustrated to find out the latest on sports figure Bo Jackson.

## BO KNOWS

### White Sox

One of the greatest and most accomplished athletes, Bo Jackson, didn't accomplish many great things this year. This two-sport playing man injured his left hip while playing football for the Los Angeles Raiders in an NFL playoff game. This accident kept him from his baseball career. The Kansas City Royals outfielder was then put on a waiver, which meant any team in the league could recruit him. Jackson was then taken in by the Chicago White Sox, who are hoping he will soon recover well to return to his great natural athletic ability.

## CHEERLEADERS

### tour London

Three of Griffith's Varsity Cheerleaders made their way to London during Christmas break. Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketich, and lifter Jason Reymoe were chosen as Universal Cheerleading Association All-Stars. The cheerleaders were picked by the UCA judges during a competition at summer camp. They were chosen because of their cheering and climbing abilities as well as the ability to learn routines quickly. The three travelled to Great Britain to perform with other cheerleaders and lifters from the United States in the Lord Mayor of West Minster's New Year's Day Parade.



Senior cheerleaders Alicia Raketich, Jason Reymoe and Dana Anderson travelled to London over Christmas break with the Universal Cheerleaders Association after being selected as All-Stars.

# le , places, and events of '91

## Old Comiskey

Capacity: 43,951

Turf: Natural grass

Left field: 347 feet

Center Field: 409 feet

Right field: 347 feet

## New Comiskey

Capacity: 44,702

Turf: Natural grass

Left field: 347 feet

Center field: 400 feet

Right field: 347 feet

facts taken from the Chicago Tribune

## OUT WITH THE OLD

## in with the new

Memories are all that is left for the old Comiskey Park. The 80th year was the last for the oldest ballpark in the major leagues. But just across the street, a new and improved Comiskey Park kicked off the season for the Chicago White Sox. Although this new stadium keeps the same name, it has included some modifications. For example, the new stadium has increased seating capacity, although both have used natural rather than artificial turf.

## McJORDAN scores McBig

Michael Jordan is more than just an extraordinary basketball player and popular commercial star. His Mcname was developed into a burger for the McDonald's market. The McJordan, which was available for a limited time only, was made up of a quarter pound burger, mustard, tasty pickles, melted cheese, crispy bacon, and tangy barbeque sauce on a warm sesame seed bun. This slam dunk of a burger was a big hit throughout the Chicagoland area for Jordan's devoted fans.



## Voting

Glenn Robinson.....198

Gary Roosevelt

Alan Henderson.....130

Indianapolis Brebeuf

results from the Post Tribune

## REGION HOOPSTER takes title

In High School basketball, Glenn Robinson from Gary Roosevelt High School was named Indiana's Mr. Basketball for 1991. This 6-foot-9 senior worked his way up to wearing the No. 1 uniform for the Indiana-Kentucky All-Star game that was held at Market Square arena on June 15, 1991.

This year's Mr. Basketball "competition" was basically between two very good players; Robinson and Indianapolis Brebeuf's Alan Henderson. Henderson, who scored 2,419 points in his basketball career, put up a good fight for the title but couldn't pull himself through. Robinson won with a total of 198 votes to Henderson who finished with 130 votes. Robinson was the second player from Roosevelt to be named Mr. Basketball since 1955.

Diving, backstroke, and butterfly  
all help this years team attempt

# their goals

As the swimmers line up, ready to begin swimming, the smell of chlorine surround the area. The ring of the gun sounds, and they're off! Some people get mentally prepared for the race and many things race through their mind. Getting nervous is one of these things.

"I do get nervous before racing. I think about my my time and the guys I'm racing with. Then standing on the block I get pretty nervous. It all goes away after the gun goes off," said sophomore Brian Pelletier.

To prepare for a race, practice and keeping the body in shape are essential. Both physical and mental preparation helps in competing against other teams or in invitationals. Pelletier commented, "I try to keep optimistic. Also, I try to have a big lunch."

Swimming isn't just school sport, it's also enjoyable, which is why these swimmers like it so much. "Swimming was a sport that I might get my letter in again and could keep in shape," said this year's only senior, Jim Gordon.

This year the swim team gained a new coach, but still not a big enough team. Without the needed people, the swimmers end up swimming about four relays each. By the end of one meet, the swimmers are very tired, which cause the teams to lose some meets.

"It could have been a better year if more people joined and were more excited," said Gordon.

"A lot of people feel apathetic towards some sports. High profile sports, like football and basketball, have a large attendance where a minor sport, like swimming, the kids don't want to try

out for," added Scott.

Since most of the same swimmers are in different events to fill them up, there is room for improvements. Junior Doug Gillespie said, "Getting more people to come out for the team and should work on their strong

points in practice would make it a more improved team."

This small group of hard workers are always on the ball. They have great attitudes towards swimming and a desire to swim. Their efforts sometimes didn't pay off, and those weak points caused some losses of close meets. "Some of our weak points were not enough people and people didn't work enough at the beginning of the season, myself included," said Gillespie.

The whole season didn't turn out as well as some had wanted. The lack of swimmers had caused most of the season to go down the drain.

"It could have been a better season but with the conference that we're in it made it pretty rough. The boys performed very well though," commented Scott.

Among the season, at a Freshmen/Sophomore Invitational, sophomore Brian Pelletier placed third in the 50 Freestyle out of seventeen swimmers, which was a highlight of the season.

This year had made the swimmers set goals for improvement or satisfaction. "With this being my first year as coach, I didn't know what to expect, so I set goals I wanted for all the swimmers and they accomplished those goals. I was very pleased with the results," commented Scott.

"My goals were to drop down to about a 2:10 for the 200 Free and goat a 2:09, and the other one was to drop down around :56 for the 100 Free and I got a :58," said Gillespie.



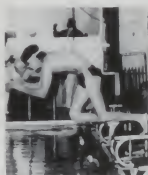
Junior Doug Gillespie dives off at the sound of the gunshot trying to set a record time.

Senior Jim Gordon strokes with all his power to the edge of the pool. Swimming helps keep the swimmers in shape.



## SCORES

Merrillville L  
 Lowell L  
 Crown Point L  
 E.C. Central L  
 Calumet W  
 Munster L  
 Hammond High W  
 Hobart L  
 North Judson W  
 Kankakee Valley L  
 Highland L  
 Gavit W  
 Lake Central L



"A weak point was not having enough people," said junior Doug Gillespie



Back Row: Richie Korba, John Korba, Todd Kosteba, Ryan Keen, Jim Lattin. Front Row: Russell Fliter, Don Hill, Adam Schroader, Tom Murray



Junior Adam Shroader shows off his skills by diving gracefully into the deep water.



Sophomore Brian Pellitier makes a dive into the water to continue through.



Despite inexperience and a change in head coach, team managed to

# slam some wins

Basketball started off in a slow direction. The small and young team struggled for the first win and continued struggling throughout the season. "We started off with confusion, offensively as well as defensively. There were no returning lettermen that dominated the year before, but as the season progressed, some athletes began to lead the pack," said coach Ron Divjak.

Another reason for the slow start was that the few returning players weren't adjusted with the newer players, so it took some time to get their playing style together. Senior Garret Van Horsen said, "The season started off rough because we had a mixture of players. Only four guys came back from the year before and the rest were sophomores so Joe, Alex, Jeff, and I were unfamiliar with them, so it took some time to adapt to each other."

During the first couple games they played more individually when team work was needed in pulling them through. "There was a lot of individual work this year and that was one major reason why we didn't get the close games that we should have won. If you don't have the other four guys on the floor and the other seven on the bench pulling for you, then you don't have a good chance of being a solid ball club," said sophomore Jason Matthews.

"Each player, including myself, needs some time alone to work on different aspects of the game but for the most part during the season we worked as a team," said Van Horsen.

Sophomore Joe Williams commented, "The season was okay but sometimes we had our ups and downs. We had a little criticism but that's okay because we are like a family."

"It was a pretty down season, but I feel we got a lot accomplished," said sophomore Scott Sherry.

As time went on, the basketball team lost players and made it even

smaller than before. After the first four games, five total varsity players had dropped out. "Losing some of the guys we started off with was a downfall, but as I look back now and seeing how we played at the beginning of the year compared to the end, it's hard to realize we didn't win more," Van Horsen said.

games. We were really much better than our 4-17 record indicates,"

Van Horsen said. The team continued struggling to the end of the season, with their small but willing team. By the second half of the season, the players became more acquainted with each other. Divjak said, "We struggled for the first ten games between a new coach getting to know his players."

Once the regular season ended, they headed for sectionals prepared to fight. They played against Munster High School and tied with the Mustangs with less than ten seconds left in the fourth quarter. They lost by one point in overtime.

"We were ready for sectionals but our sectional inexperience showed by us missing a lot of good plays," said junior Steve Mitchuson.

"It was disappointing losing all the time, because no one likes to lose, but on the other hand, we kept improving each week, which kept a lot of us going," said Sherry.

"I was disappointed because I thought we would win more games than we did," said Williams.

Even though the year wasn't a winning one, there were some memorable highlights. "The game that stands out the most this year, even though we lost, was the Lake Central game. They were beating us 50-20 at halftime and we just decided to go out the second half and play our game," said Matthews.

Sherry commented, "I remember the conference game against Calumet. It was our only conference win, so that was a great high."



Junior Steve Mitchuson attempts a two point shot when guarded closely by his Whiting defender.



Senior Jeff Harder shoots a jumper to score two for the Panthers.



After a quick outlet, junior Roger Helfen starts a fast break in hopes of an easy bucket.

Hoping the ball goes through the hoop senior Garrett VanHorsen watches as he shoots an easy jumper.



## SCORES

GHS	OPPONENT
47	Morton 59
67	Hanover Central 73
44	Highland 54
59	Lake Station 54
53	Whiting 64
58	Kankakee Valley 64
51	Noll 78
54	Calumet 73
62	Wheeler 82
66	Crown Point 86
47	Hobart 72
66	Lake Central 82
76	River Forest 69
69	Munster 64
60	Lowell 64
70	Chesterton 75
61	Calumet 55
60	Clark 48
68	Gavit 85
70	Marquette 85
74	Munster 75



"It was a pretty down season, but I feel we got a lot accomplished," said sophomore Scott Sherry



Back row: Mike Overmyer, Ed Skaggs, Jason Matthews, Garret Van Horssen, Joe Williams, Jason Harder, Scott Sherry, Coach Divjak, Coach Hastings Front row: Racheal Luptak, Roger Helfen, Rick Burks, Steve Mitchuson, Jeff Harder, Jessie Sahi, Todd Kosteba, Christine Hochstetler, Karen Hoffman

## SCORES

Hanover Central W  
 Hammond Morton W  
 Lake Central L  
 Lake Station W  
 Chesterton L  
 Wheeler W  
 Hammond High L  
 Munster L  
 Hebron L  
 Highland L  
 Wheeler Tourney W  
 Hammond Gavitt W  
 Claumet W  
 Lowell L  
 Clark W  
 Crown Point L  
 Whiting W  
 Sectional (Munster) L



"... We had fun and played as hard as we could," said senior Amy Strack



Back row: Jennifer Seberger, Jenny Saculla, Amy Strack, Nancy Vrehas, Jenna Lehmann, Anita Garnet, and coach Darryl Carstensen. Front Row: Kelli Adams, Stephanie Gilbert, Lisa Osmulski, Kim Fulkerson, Tricia Royce, and Pam Stanford.



Sprinting down the court for a lay up junior Kim Fulkerson scores for the Panthers.

Sophomore Anita Garnet pulls up for a baseline jump shot through the Lowell defense.



Lady Panthers succeed in  
making this season a change

# for the better

For the girls basketball team this year many accomplishments were made for the better. Although the start of the season was slow, this has been the best season since 1979.

"This years Girls Basketball team was the first winning season since 1979. I did some research on my own and I found this out from past yearbooks," said Coach Darryl Carstensen.

"From past years this Griffith team was more experienced. Last year's team had more losses than wins," said Tricia Roye.

Five days before the season opener the varsity coach Craig Adelsperger was not able to continue coaching the girls due to a heart attack. This affected the team in the beginning causing such a slow start. Carstensen commented, "This was my first year coaching varsity. Losing coach Adelsperger was a tough way to start off the season."

Senior Lisa Osmulski said, "Not knowing when, or even if, coach Adelsperger was coming back had an effect on our performance."

The team's winning record started picking up a few more games into the season. "The second half of the year was a lot better than the first half. Overall, it was good. We had fun and played as hard as we could," said senior Amy Strack.

"We ended with a great season, but we had a slow start with all the problems we had," said Osmulski.

Junior Kim Fulkerson said, "This year we did really well. We didn't play as individuals as much and we worked harder."

As the team entered sectionals they were hoping to get a lot

farther than they did. The first sectional game against Munster was a doubtful game by the fourth quarter. Five seconds before the buzzer rang Griffith managed to tie up the score, which put the game into overtime.

Munster won by two points after three minutes into overtime. Osmulski said, "When we went in there to play, we thought we were going to get blown away because we lost to them in the regular season."

"It was depressing losing this game. The team wanted to win that game and we almost did, but fell short of winning by two points," said Strack.

Despite this loss, the team was still proud of their winning record. "We were out to accomplish being over .500, winning a tournament, and winning at least one sectional game," said Carstensen.

Senior Stephanie Gilbert said, "We played our best and became a great team. Our hard work paid off, but in the end it just didn't work."

The year's team contained many seniors. These seven seniors were all devoted players. Carstensen said, "Basketball is one of the toughest sports to play. There are the seven seniors on the team who have gone through for all four years, which is great."

Osmulski said, "It was hard losing to Munster knowing it was my last year, but I know that my final year was a winning year. Our team was finally beginning to get some recognition, which is what it deserves."



Junior Tricia Roye tries to decide if she should shoot or pass the ball during sectional play at Munster.

In the low post senior Amy Strack spins to the basket for a lay up against the Red Devils.

## SCORES

GHS	Opponent
46	River Forest 26
58	Whiting 8
	North Newton F
61	Lew Wallace 14
41	Roosevelt 32
34	Gavit 31
24	Lowell 32
12	Crown Point 47
42	EC Central 26
44	Highland 18
44	Gary Wirt 24
60	LaVille 15
26	KV 36
29	Lowell 35
43	West Side 39
13	Calumet 60
21	Mich. City 52
10	Clark 55
25	SB Wash. 52
21	Lake Station 37
37	Lowell 40



"I like to cross - face cradle because you get to rip your opponent's face off," said junior Scott Leslie



Top row: Varsity coach Mitch Marcus, Jason Parsons, Dan Broelman, Nate Miklusak. Neil Miklusak, Mike Cox, Anthony Reid, Dave Comer, Donnie Higgins, head coach Scott Hendron. 2nd row: Todd Leslie, Fabian Martinez, Rick Lane, Scott Leslie, Eric Messmer, Gavin Reymore, Bryan Galocy. Front Row: Chris Wilcox, Mike Moore, Matt Moore, Marcello Garcia.



Senior Anthony Reid escapes a move and makes a counter move that flips his opponent on his head.

Trying to defeat his opponent junior Todd Leslie tries a single leg take down.





## Panther wrestlers pin down the 1990-1991 season

# with a win

Half-Nelson, double-chicken wing, crossface cradle, single leg take-down, and grapevine are some of the favorite wrestling moves. Not only so they have funny names but they are effective. Junior Scott Leslie said, "I like the crossface cradle because you get to rip your opponent's face off".

Senior Eric Messmer said, "My favorite move is the double-chicken wing because you pin your opponent and it hurts him". These moves are also the hardest to get out of when inflicted by an opponent.

Seven wrestlers qualified for regionals. They were freshman Marcello Garcia (103), sophomore Fabian Martinez (125) juniors Brian Galocy (119), Donnie Higgins (171) and Todd Leslie (160) and seniors Anthony Reid (140) and Eric Messmer (130). The team finished tenth of sixteen in the regionals with Reid and Messmer qualifying for semi state.

The semi-state meet on February 9 failed to prove victorious for Reid and Messmer.

"We were prepared because we had worked hard the week before. But, the reason we couldn't win a match was because the other wrestlers were prepared also," said Reid. Both Reid and Messmer finished their wrestling careers with records above .500.

Along with the physical preparation required, mental preparedness is a key. Senior Dave Comer said, "Before the match, I

pace in a figure eight and talk to myself and reassure myself. If I feel I get overconfident then I say 'this guy could kick my butt.'"

The wrestlers attributed some of their success to their coaches. Junior Neil Miklusak said, "They are much better than

last year and they gave us a lot of encouragement during the meet".

Junior Todd Leslie agrees and said, "They get us fired up and they are Griffith alumni so they want to win for the school".

Assistant coach Mitch Marcus said, "Seven regional qualifiers and three sectional champions was a great performance for us. I was very pleased with the way the team wrestled. We surprised a lot of people."

During the year, the coaches were new and didn't know what to expect. Head coach Scott Henderson said, "Being that it was my first year as head coach I didn't set many goals, except that I wanted a .500 record overall and in conference. I also wanted at least one sectional champ and at least one semi-state qualifier. We achieved all of those goals and more by finishing 12-10 overall and 3-3 in conference. We defeated Lake Central which has not been done in at least 15 years and took Lowell to the final match twice to decide the outcome of the match. whoa! We won the Whiting and Gavitt triple duels; finished fourth in the conference meet. We had three sectional champs, seven regional qualifiers and 2 semi-state qualifiers."



Setting his opponent up for the drop senior Eric Messmer uses a fireman carry to take him off the ground.

Senior Dave Comer has the look of determination as he holds down his opponent waiting for the three count by the referee.

## When it comes to raising spirit, cheerleaders know how to

# pump it up

Which team is made up of football, softball, and tennis players who jump, climb and yell? This now coed team is the cheerleaders.

In addition to leading cheers on the sidelines the cheerleaders motivate the crowd by using pyramids, gymnastics and partner stunts and the team by decorating players' houses and having breakfasts for them.

"Cheerleading is not just a bunch of girls standing around in short skirts anymore. The level of athletic ability required of a cheerleader has increased. We do sophisticated stunts with the guys that have a high injury potential if we are not physically fit," said senior captain Dana Anderson.

Their athletic ability was rewarded as they competed at the Universal Cheerleaders Association summer camp at Purdue, where the squad was named the best overall. Varsity captains seniors Dana Anderson, Matt Marcus, Alicia Raketch and Jason Reymore were selected as All-Stars which earned them a trip to London.

"Going to London was definitely a highlight as it culminated years of hard work for Alicia, Jason and I. It was great to be able to perform with other top cheerleaders from all over the nation," said Anderson.

Getting back to GHS, the cheerleaders implemented what they learned, from chants and cheers to partner stunts and pyramids. Knowing what the crowd needs to get fired up is sometimes a mystery and variety is essential to keeping the crowd going.

"We have to be flexible. In any other sport, like football or basketball, the team knows what the crowd wants—either to

score or keep the other team from scoring. That's why cheering is so different; we have so much more interaction with the crowd because that's our job to fire them up," said Reymore.

Lifter sophomore Brad Zabek agrees with Reymore. "It gets boring seeing girls just

jumping around, but if you see a guy doing flips and tossing girls in the air the crowd is going to like it," said Zabek.

Some are surprised when they see males participating with the girls but the lifters make it possible to incorporate the stunts into their cheers and routines.

"I really enjoyed being a lifter. I enjoyed being in front of a crowd; it's a lot of fun. Plus, I went to a cheer camp where I was one of the few guys among approximately 500 girls. That was a definite plus," said Reymore.

The girls also enjoy cheering, although for somewhat different reasons than the boys.

"I enjoy being able to have confidence in myself to lead the crowd. It's a lot of fun and I hate to think that as a senior it will soon be over," said Raketch.

"When we cheer it gets the crowd going, especially during football sectionals and regionals. It is the best feeling in the world to be doing a cheer and having the whole Griffith side shouting and cheering with you," said sophomore Lindsey Friend.

"The best part of being a cheerleader is being a part of the team," said junior Denise DeBoer.

"I enjoy when the crowd cheers with us because it makes me feel like I'm doing my job right," said junior Denise Castillo.



Junior varsity cheerleader sophomore Melissa Busovsky leads the Panther fans to shouts of black and gold during a football game.

Lifter senior Jason Reymore demonstrates a toe-touch jump during warm-ups. The cheerleaders practiced at least twice a week with the lifters.





Up and away! Junior Denise DeBoer goes up in a basket toss after being thrown by the lifters. Proper concentration by both the bases and the girl is imperative to a successful and safe stunt.

At sectional play with Munster in overtime the varsity cheerleaders and lifters lead the crowd in "Let's go Panthers!"



Varsity Cheerleaders (back to front): Cathy Kleimola, Lindsey Friend, Denise DeBoer, Dana Anderson, Kelley Gall, Alicia Raketich



Trying to get the crowd fired up at the sectional games the lifters along with the cheerleaders lead them in a chant. The lifters enjoy helping the cheerleaders do their part. Lifters were Matt Marcus, Jason Reymore, Brad Zabek, James Sanchez, Darrick Ramsey, and Alan Sutkowski.



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J.V. Cheerleaders (back to front): Leeann Riese, Melissa Busovsky, Aimee Enokson, Danielle Dudek, and Denise Castillo

## Senior strength helps panther track team finish the

# race

There are many different events that take place in track. Those events consist of relays, miles, shot put, discus, high jump, hurdles, long jump, and pole vaulting. Once the scores of all the participants who perform in these events are put together, it determines the whole team's score.

This year's hard-working Griffith High Boy's Track team did accomplish something. Their overall conference record was 4-2. They tied for fourth in an outdoor conference meet and they placed third in an indoor meet, which they were only two points away from 2nd place. Also, they won the Griffith Relays for the first time in nine years and the second time in nineteen years in the schools history.

Not only did the team set records, but some individuals did as well. Senior Mike Patterson was Conference Champ in the high jump, which was 6 feet 4 inches. Senior Ryan Keen got 2nd team All-Conference in the 1600 meter run, and junior Neil Miklusk in the shot put. Also, the 400 meter Relay team, which contained Clint Lamb, Jerry Ferrar, Don Wasserman, and Mike Worosz, set the school record at sectionals. The previous record from 1982 of 44.40 seconds was beat with the time of 44.37 seconds. Junior Don Wasserman commented, "My major event was the 400 meter relay. I just did my part along with the others. It was definitely a team effort."

This year's team, which appeared to be small, led a full complete season. Coach Les Thornton said, "Twenty-four guys finished the season and more guys qualified for sectionals than in a long time."

Junior Scott Leslie said, "Our team wasn't that small. We beat Highland, Munster, and Lowell and also won Griffith Relays, which counted a lot for us."

The beginning of the season, everyone felt they would do well

and accomplish more than the year before, and they did. Many felt the season went well all in all. Wasserman said, "At the beginning of the season we thought we would do real good, and we did. Then we got into a slump

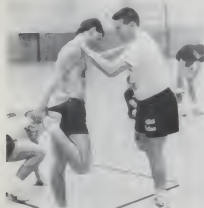
during the middle of the season and then came back to life in the end, especially sectionals."

Having each and every individual compete in these events counts. Every person has a different role and helps the team in their own way. "Other than finishing 7th at the Hobart Little 5, which I ran with a pulled hamstring, my worst finish this year was a 3rd place; so I think I affected the team in a positive way," said senior Ryan Keen.

Out of the few bad things that ruined the team this year, injuries had the biggest effect. "The only real downfalls were mainly the injuries. Ryan Keen had pulled both of his hamstrings and I sprained my back in this year," said senior Clint Lamb.

Even when someone got injured, they still kept on going to help the team. Keen said, "I missed one meet and ran bad in another one due to an injury and I still led the team in scoring."

This year had more sectional qualifiers than in previous years. The people who qualified and their events were as follows: Dave Comer, Discus; Ryan Keen, 1600 meter run; Neil Miklusk, Shot put; Clint Lamb, 400 meter; Chad Sutton and Mike Patterson, High Jump; and Clint Lamb, Mike Worosz, Don Wasserman, and Jerry Farrar, 400 Meter Relay team. Senior Dave Comer said, "I enjoy throwing discus because it takes a lot of style and technique to perform. I also like it because I enjoy planning my own practices and programs that I put myself through."



Seniors Ryan Keen (left) and Dave Comer (right) do a buddy-buddy stretch in order to warm up for Track practice.



Senior Jack Massa jumps the hurdle with each leg stretched a different way during practice.

## SCORES

Confernece Indoor 3rd  
Dual and Triangular won 4  
lost 2

"Little 5" 5th  
Griffith Relay 1st  
Calumet Invitational 6th  
Conference Indoor 5th

Sectional  
400 relay 1st  
High Jump 4th  
High Jump 6th  
1600 3rd  
Shot Put 6th



"Our team wasn't that small. We beat Highland, Munster, and Lowell and also won Griffith Relays, which counted a lot for us," said junior Scott Leslie.



Back row: Ryan Keen, Adam Schroeder, Jerry Ferrar, Jim Dwyer, Mike Patterson, Neil Miklusak, Rick Burks, Chad Sutton, Coach Korey. 2nd row: Russel Flitter, Jim Lattin, Ed Bukowski, Joe Dangelo, Paul Gilbertson, Dave Comer, Donny Higgins, Jeremy Worosz, Coach Thornton. Front row: Becky Rodriguez, Laurie Rodriguez, Scott Leslie, Corey Lamb, Todd Leslie, Clint Lamb, John Massa, Christine Hochstetler.

Senior Mike Patterson high jumps during a meet. Patterson was a Conference Champ in the high jump with a record high of 6'4".

Junior Neil Miklusak uses his might to throw the shot put as far as possible.





## Small team and injuries make the season

# a rough one

For the girls track team this year, the small size had a lot to do with the many meets that they didn't place in. Since the number of girls who joined was so low, the team results didn't have many victories, but individual recognition was

achieved. "We didn't have enough runners to place very much, but individually some placed," said sophomore Jennifer Reder.

Even though the team had few members most of them enjoyed the part they played in the sport. "I like the competition and I always make new friends with the other high jumpers from other schools," said senior Jenny Seberger.

Reder commented, "I like keeping in shape, and I like when I accomplish a goal that I have set."

There were times when the girls would just want to give up, but didn't. The hard working members would keep up the spirits of most of the girls and that would keep them all going. "I affected the team by trying to keep most of them motivated," said Seberger.

Sophomore Rachael Luptak said, "At times, I would want to give up, but I would keep going. I'm said it is over. I am going to miss getting together with the team to practice."

The season began with runners and other participants ready to get in shape and go far in the season. Luptak said, "Track this year started with a lot of enthusiasm and dedication from the people."

Seberger said, "The season was not very good, but individual performances were very successful."

Once the team was into the season a bit, many injuries began to occur. Some runners were forced to participate in a different event so that they wouldn't make their injury any worse than it already was. Senior Ruth Ann Jetton said, "After the first three-weeks of conditioning I got shin splints and I wasn't able to compete in any of the running events during the track meets. I wanted to run and be the best I could be at it, but instead I had to throw shot-put."

"I was mainly in the high jump this year because of injuries, and I wasn't able to run," said Seberger.

Some runners ran in many races to fill events. Once these people got hurt, they weren't

able to participate in running events at all. Seberger added, "There were many injuries because of a small team and it was hard to get adjusted to a new coach."

This year contained many disappointments. Not winning meets, not achieving goals, and having a small team are some of those disappointments. "What was disappointing about this year was during one meet the relay team thought they made sectionals and they didn't; I was one of them," said Luptak.

Some improvements would have made the team accomplish more. Getting a bigger team could help the team in a lot of ways. It would be easier to fill events, and would make it easier to place in events in some ways. "Some improvements for the team would have been more people and slightly more dedication from some," said Luptak.

In order to keep working, the girls had different but effective goals. These track members worked to achieve these goals to feel they had accomplished something. Reder said, "I had the goal of going to sectionals; I did go to sectionals, but I didn't make regionals."

"My personal goal was to improve from last year and qualify for sectionals in high jump, which I succeeded in both," said Seberger.

Personal accomplishments were improving, qualifying for sectionals, and placing in events. "This year I made several new friends and a nice number of ribbons," said Luptak.

Jetton ended, "I'm glad I was in track because I love the exercise and I got to learn something new!"



While soaring through the air, junior Stacie MacFarland leaps form the ground in the long jump event.

Sophomore Jenny Reder sprints around the track in her running event.



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"I'm glad I was in track because I love the exercise and I got to learn something new," said senior Ruth Ann Jetton.



Back row: Coach Jeremiah, Coach Arambula, Sarah Krooswyk, Jennifer Reder, Assma Issa, Melissa Busovsky, Coach Armontrout. 2nd row: Stacie MacFarland, Janille Scheeringa, Jamie Benson, Lee Ann Reise, Ruth Ann Jetton. Front row: Michelle Bodley, Rachael Luptak, Gabrielle Juhasz, Jenny Seberger, Dana Navarro, Tracy LaBuda.



Only one more lap to go! Sophomore Rachael Luptak jogs tiredly in a race.

Sophomores Rachael Luptak (far left) and Melissa Busovsky (far right) compete in the hurdles.



Soccer team reigns high in state due  
to to experience and

# hard work

"Drop back, mark up, what do you mean I was red carded?" These are just a few of the remarks that are heard on the soccer field during games and practices.

Senior David Crossley said, "Things that we yell on the field are usually constructive; they are all a part of communicating to each other, which is a very important part of soccer."

Junior Russ Dewes said, "I feel we were stuck with a lot of bad officials most of the time, that is part of the reason we received so many red and yellow cards. The referees started cracking down on profanity by giving out yellow cards."

For the non-soccer fan, yellow cards are given out for arguing with the referee or another player, profanity, and if the crowd is too rowdy or rude, the team can also be penalized. A player will usually only receive a red card for fighting.

In soccer there are eleven players on the field at once. Of these eleven, six of them are seniors.

"The season went well because we have primarily an upper-classman team of seniors and juniors," said Senior Eric Messmer.

The Panthers started off the season tying the first game and winning the next seven straight. "I felt we were basically prepared for the season. We had over a month of hard practicing indoors and outdoors before the season opener," said senior Brian Jamison. The Panthers then suffered their first loss against Portage.

"At first we started off great, and then we sort of got big headed and fell apart," said Dewes.

"We should have beaten most of the teams fairly easily, but we

goofed and messed around at practice a lot," said junior Mike Garvey.

Messmer added, "We have a moody team. Some days we don't really go to practice to play, we are just kind of there."

"The major downfall we had was being overconfident late in the year. We had beaten all our conference enemies the first time around; therefore, we thought we could coast past them the second trip. We paid the price, but then we got back on track and were ready to play any team with full force," said Jamison.

After the regular season had ended the Panthers continued their winning season by becoming co-conference champs.

"Winning conference was exciting, but we would rather have been the sole winners," said Dewes.

"We did really well at the beginning of conference, then we started taking things too lightly and we made some stupid mistakes that we shouldn't have, and lost four games. It was a little disappointing considering how well we were doing, and how close we could have been to winning," said Crossley.

Senior Andy Lane said, "I had a good time playing for four years; I liked the competitiveness, but it was also a lot of fun. We had hard practices, but we always tried to keep a good attitude and keep things on the lighter side; basically, we had a lot of goofballs."

Swatts stated, "I enjoyed playing soccer throughout high school. Every minute of it was a blast and the people were fun to be with. The four years seemed to go by so fast, I'm just sad it had to end so soon."



Junior Greg Uhter kicks the ball hoping to score a goal to help the Panthers win the game.



Senior Andy Lane uses fancy footwork to dribble past a Munster defender.

Senior Brian Jamison tries to edge out his opponent.



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"We did really well at the beginning of conference, then we started taking things too lightly and we made some stupid mistakes.....and lost 4 games," said senior David Crossley



Front row: Dave Kneisick, Matt Murphy, Bob Gottshammer, Eric Woodward, Joe Gonzales, Joe Potenta, Rick Lane, Chris Degard, Greg Usher, Mike Garvey. Second Row: Coach Kneisick, Chris Swann, Greg Bradburn, Dan Bartnicki, Rich Korba, Jim Tauber, Chris Morarty, Kevin Harder, Brian Jamison, Chris Lindner, Ed Halapow, Andy Lane, Eric Mewoner, David Crossley, Russ Dewes, Allen Sutowski, Mark Williams, John Korba.

Senior Chris Swatts jumps up to make the save so the opposing team doesn't score.

"You can't have it!" Senior Dave Crossley dribbles the ball down the field toward the Panther goal.



## Panthers defeat Highland and Lake Central for first time in

# eight years

Tennis is a very demanding and difficult sport often requiring more than just athletic skills. It requires speed, hand-eye coordination, endurance, strength and accuracy.

The Lady Panther's tennis team really did some improving and finished with a very impressive record. The season started with four straight shutout victories over Hobart, Morton, Hammond High and Wheeler, but the girls were a little rattled as they lost to the two most outstanding teams in the conference. Coach Tim Maluga stated, "I really felt the girls came out and gave it their all, they started off playing very strong, suffered a slight midseason lapse and recovered quite well to end the season."

Inexperience was once again a slight setback. The team consisted of many younger players which lacked the playing experience, but as they say practice does make perfect (well almost perfect). The girls finished with an record of ten and four overall and were four and two in the conference, ranking them third. "I felt that being third in the conference, which is the highest we've been in ten years, was one very great accomplishment," said junior Traci Sines. "Our varsity team consisted of three underclassmen but we managed to play very well and our strong points helped us along," said senior Nikki Bowron.

Every team sets goals at the beginning of the season to help them work harder whether these are team or individual goals, achieved or not, they still exist. "The main goals of the season were to finish higher in the conference and to win sectionals," said Maluga.

Tennis players often strive for a great personal season as well as a great team season. The doubles teams work hard together to elevate their season and the singles do the same thing indi-

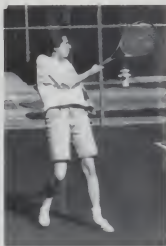
vidually. Although they might come out on top or bottom the players have put in hours of hard work and effort. Not only did the team do well and accomplish many goals, but two individuals really stood out. Senior Jela

Cucuz made first team All-conference and senior Cathy Kleimola made second team All-conference. "I really feel I performed well considering I didn't play last year. I'm really glad I decided to come back," said senior Jela Cucuz.

Almost synonymous with the word team is teamwork, that can be a hard thing to get out of an individual sport like tennis. Sophomore Kelley Gall said, "Each varsity match counts as one point for our team, even though you're on the court alone your points help the overall team score."

In sectional play the girls lost in the first round to area ranked Munster 0-5, but they really put up a fight. "I feel we were underdogs going into sectionals against Munster, but I think we all played well and gave it a really good try," said sophomore Lindsey Friend. The Panthers were very prepared mentally to take them on and they showed no signs of intimidation, as they seemed to show when they met earlier in the season. "I was very impressed with the way the team performed, it was the first time in years that we were actually competitive with Munster. I feel we gave them a very tough match," said Maluga.

Each member of the team may have their own opinions of the way the season went. Some may think it was quite a success and others may not think too highly of it. Senior Cathy Kleimola said, "I felt this season was very successful I was happy with our results. It was a shame that we lost to Munster because we improved a great deal and the talent was there."



Senior Jela Cucuz returns a serve in a very important conference match.

Sophomore Lindsey Friend volleys an unreturnable shot cross court for the point. Lindsey and her partner played first doubles for the Panthers.







Running after the ball, sophomore Kelley Gall makes an attempt to lob the ball over her opponent's head.

"Deuce!" Junior Tracy Sines serves the ball in hopes of an ace to win the match.

## SCORES

Hobart W  
 Morton W  
 Hammond High W  
 Wheeler W  
 Crown Point L  
 Munster L  
 Lake Station W  
 Calumet W  
 Lowell W  
 Highland W  
 Andean L  
 Lake Central W  
 East Chicago Central L  
 Hanover Central W  
 Sectionals:  
 Munster L



"I felt that our season was successful. I was happy with our results," said senior Cathy Kleimola



Back row: Nancy Jamison, Beth Morosin, Jodi Haack, Jenny Huss, LoraLee Kilgore, Natalie Pastar, Tina Walker, Linda Wilson, Tim Maluga, Middle row: Lindsey Friend, Tracy Sines, Kelley Gall, Danielle Dudek, Keela Gootee, Trisha Paul, Becca Mazacco, Jenny Riese, Maggie Rocha, Front row: Cathy Kleimola, Nikki Kurzeja.

# Steady improvement and willingness help golf team play

## up to par

**Golf:** A game played outdoors on a large golf course with a small, hard ball and a set of clubs, and the object being to hit the ball into eighteen scattered holes, using the fewest strokes possible. It is not the easiest sport in the world, but can be fun and competitive if concentration is used.

What did Griffith's High School golf team do this year? Practice, practice, practice, and golf, golf, golf. "We all get in our cars and drive out to Scherwood. We practice a lot and the rest of the time we are playing in matches," said junior Andy Wroblewski.

For many, golf is a relaxing and more enjoyable sport. "I enjoy golf because it's relaxing. It is also quiet and you have to concentrate, take your time, and relax to shoot good," said junior Mike Tanis.

"Once a person is hooked on this sport he will work to improve his game for the rest of his life. While players make improvement during the season, the lower the scores get the more difficult it becomes to improve," said coach Keith Shorb.

Practice is just like playing golf for the fun of it. The only difference is playing for the school team is less expensive than just playing golf for enjoyment.

Senior Jason Reyome said, "I love golfing. It is the only real sport where I enjoy practice. I also like to play golf a lot during the summer."

Griffith's small and young team wasn't too successful. Most of the members were underclassmen, and did not have a lot of experience. Tanis said, "We usually won matches by playing teams that were worse than us."

"The team made progress this year by shooting better scores as the season came to a close. Early on we shot a high of 210 and two other scores in the 200's and our last four rounds average 189 1/2 which is 20 stroke lower," said coach Shorb.

The outcome of the match is based on individual play more than team work. Wroblewski commented, "I think that golf is a great individual sport. I like to play against myself and my opponent."

The four lowest scores out of the five people on the team are added up. The lowest score of both schools wins the golf match. The players' scores normally differ from match to match. Some days just don't go as well as others, which doesn't assure the team of a win in every match. "I can be real good or real bad. I'm real inconsistent. Whenever I expect to do well, I do bad; then when I expect to do bad, I surprise myself and do well," said Reyome.

Wroblewski added, "You have good days and bad days. You have to be on the top of your game on all days."

A common downfall for the team was having such a young team. Many were sophomores that didn't have much experience in playing golf as a school sport.

Compared to most other teams that Griffith played, the team size wasn't much different. Tanis said, "Our team was pretty much the same size as the others, we just didn't play as well as they did."

The team will consist mostly of seniors and juniors and will have more experience than before, being that the golf team will be losing only one senior.

Playing golf doesn't require many things. Being able to hit the ball to a green and putt the ball into a small hole takes concentration, a steady hand, and good aim. "To play golf it is important to have patience, eye-hand coordination, and consistency," said Tanis.

Wroblewski summed it up, "First of all, you have to be able to get along with all kinds of people. Secondly, I feel that a person has to be determined to play good, even on a bad day."



Junior Roger Helfin drives the ball toward the nearest hole on the golf course.

Junior Doug Gillespie hits the ball from the sand pit.



## SCORES

Bishop Noll L  
 Portage L  
 Gary Roosevelt W  
 Andean L  
 Highland L  
 Calumet W  
 Lake Central L  
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 Calumet W  
 Clark W  
 Morton W  
 Crown Point L  
 Lowell L  
 Gavit W  
 Lake Station W  
 Hanover Central W  
 E.C. Central W



"You have good days and bad days. You have to be on the top of your game on all days," said junior Andy Wroblewski.



Back Row: Doug Gilliespie, Jeff Ready, Mitch Ison, Joe Serbentas, Roger Helfin, Joe Potesta. Front row: Dan Bruss, Brian Pellittier, Jason Reyome, Andy Wroblewski, Mike Tanis, Coach Shorb.



Junior Jeff Ready concentrates on making a good shot to put the ball in the hole.



Junior Dan Bruss puts the ball toward the hole in order to have a good score.

By putting their best arm forward  
in pitching, the Panthers didn't

# let them hit

Baseball is a sport for hard-working team members. Many tried their hardest to do well this year, but the team's overall record didn't show it. Their overall record was 8-20; however, the team had 9 one-run ball games.

They started out prepared and ready for an average season, as in years past, but most of the team consisted of sophomores and juniors which crippled the team. This team of underclassmen lacked underclassmen due to the few returning lettermen. Only five seniors returned for the 1990-91 baseball team, and only three of those five were starters and played more than the others. "The baseball roster listed twenty players. Fifteen of the twenty were sophomores and juniors, which only left me with five seniors. Out of those five seniors, Batliner, Polites, Snyder were regular starters and played a lot more in the games," said coach Jim Anderson.

"I think the team would have done somewhat better if we had a little more experience. Even having just a couple more seniors would have helped, but we did what we could," said junior Jerry Murdock.

In order to place people, they did experimenting. Testing underclassmen in different positions was common this year. This experimenting helped the team develop their strong skills. "The pitching was strong this year. We did have one pitcher returning from 1990 who was very inexperienced. We did a lot of experimenting also to put the best player in a certain position. We played a lot of different players," said Anderson.

Pitching was a definite strong point of the team. The returning pitcher didn't have a lot of experience, but developed it through-

out the season and improved the team in the end. "I feel that pitching was one of our strong points. We did seem to walk a little too many players, but we did really well in pitching this year," said junior Steve Mitchuson.

Another strong point for the team high stolen base percentage. They seemed to find this to be pretty easy. They were fast, ready to run, and alert at all times in order to steal to the next base. The stealers rarely got caught or out by stealing, which encouraged many players to steal more often.

For this 1990-91 team, many feel it wasn't the best as in the previous years. "1990 was not a very good year. I don't want to sound too negative, but it wasn't that good, other than pitching and stealing bases. We played poorly on defense. We played good on pitching, but walked a few too many people. We had a chance to be competitive, and we weren't able to be that way," said Anderson.

"I think our record effected our attitudes. Our attitudes got worse with every loss," said junior Scott Sutton.

This year's special award winners were: Most Valuable Player, Bill Polites; Most Improved Player, Barrett Starks; Best Mental Attitude, Scott Sherry; Best Offense, Bill Polites; Best Defense, Scott Sutton; and Best Pitcher, Steve Mitchuson.

The whole year overall was full of hard work and a lot of pain because of so many losses. Anderson summed it up, "It is always disappointing for a coach to have his team have a losing season. It hurts every coach because they want a winning seasons. They want to be able to say they won more games than they lost."



Senior Mark Batliner swings the bat with aggression trying to bring his teammates home.

Junior Scott Schaller pitches the ball with a full count hoping it will be a strike.





## SCORES

Lake Station W  
 Gary West Side-1 W  
 Gary West Side-2 L  
 Gary Roosevelt W  
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     Munster L  
     Highland L  
     T.F. North W  
 Chesterton-"A" L  
 Chesterton-"B" W  
 Lake Central L  
 Crown Point L  
     Hobart L  
 Hammond Clark-"A" L  
 Hammond Clark-"B" W  
     Calumet L  
     Lowell W  
     Highland L  
 Hammond Gavit-"A" L  
 Hammond Gavit-"B" W  
     Munster W  
     Lake Central L  
     Crown Point L  
     River Forest L  
     Calumet W  
     Lowell L  
 East Chicago Central L  
     Whiting L  
 Hammond Morton L  
 Hanover Central W  
**Sectional:**  
 Hammond Morton L



"I feel that pitching was one of our strong points. We did seem to walk a little too many players, but we did really well in pitching this year," said junior Steve Mitchuson.



Getting prepared to run, sophomore Ron Govert swings at the ball hoping for a homerun.

Junior Jeff O'Brien warms up before the game in order to get his pitching arm ready to strike out the batters.



Back row: Ron Govert, Barrett Starks, Adam Smith, Kyle Toweson, Steve Mitchuson, Scott Sherry, Coach Jim Anderson. 2nd row: Scott Sutton, Rod Brown, Scott Mauch, Richard Jerome, Bill Junken, James Sanchez, Coach Foss. 1st row: Jeff O'Brien, Scott Schaller, Mark Batliner, Doug Snyder, Mike Hipp, Bill Polites, Jerry Murdock.



Advancing to the regionals and then to semi-state, the Lady Panthers

# struck them out

There are many things to do on a warm spring day, but a certain group of about twenty girls get to play softball almost every day. The words strike, out and loss are words that are definitely not associated with the team because the Lady Panthers have come through this season with a record of 15-5.

Even though the team had a great season, there were a couple of changes that the team had to adjust to. First of all, there was a new coach. Instead of Mr. Jerry Gurrado, who was the former coach, the new coach is Mr. Bruce Turner. Junior Korey Hrdina said, "When we first got the new coach, we didn't know what to expect from him. But Mr. Turner is a really good coach and we learned to accept him."

Another change was that all of the seniors from last year were now gone and some new players were on the team. Junior Denise Castillo said, "Everybody wasn't sure how we were going to do at first because many of our players from last year were now gone, but we adjusted to the change and came through at the right times."

Though the outcome of the season was good, the team didn't start off playing that way in the beginning. "We lost a few games in the beginning but suddenly our batters started coming around and we really started hitting the ball hard. Also, Aimee has done a great job at pitching," said senior Danielle Hanson.

Not only have the Lady Panthers done well during the regular season, but they even won the sectionals and advanced to the regionals.

Although teammates don't usually have the same opinions

about certain subjects, most of the team agreed on one of their best games. Castillo said, "The best game had to be the sectional championship against Lake Central because they felt they could easily beat us judging from the last time we played

them. But we wanted to beat them so bad that we came through and proved them wrong."

For the third year in a row, the Lady Panthers have won the regional conference championship. By beating the Merrillville Pirates 5-3 in the early game the Panthers advanced to the evening game against Bishop Noll, winning 4-3. However, the Panthers achieved the victory over BNI without starting pitcher junior Aimee Enoksen as she popped out her leg after striking out a Merrillville hitter during the early game. The pressure was on for freshman Sharon Rhyne, who was the winning pitcher.

"Aimee is our best pitcher, and it was a big blow when she went down, but we had all the confidence in the world in Sharon. She came in in the first and we got her five runs which helped to relax her and then her talent took over," said senior Amy Strack.

Defensively, the Panthers held BNI (15-5) scoreless through the first four innings then allowed two runs in the fifth and one in the seventh to win their berth in the semi state, where they were defeated by eventual state champions Warsaw 5-2.

"It was disappointing losing to Warsaw after making it to state for the last two years we thought we could do it again. We were the better team, we just didn't play smart. Every year the team who has beaten us has been the team to go on and win the state championship," said senior right fielder Lisa Osmulski.



As the ball slowly approaches, junior Tricia Royce draws back the bat and gets prepared for a homerun.

Seniors Cheryl Schoenborn, Aimee Smith, and Danielle Hanson perform a cheer that the team takes part of before every inning.





Junior Kim Fulkerson attempts to catch the ball hoping to prevent the opposing team from scoring a point.

One of Griffith's starting pitchers, junior Denise Castillo pitches the ball with a lot of force trying to strike out the batter.

## SCORES

E. C. Central W  
 Highland W  
 Munster W  
 Gavitt W  
 Hobart L  
 Lake Central L  
 Crown Point L  
 Calumet W  
 Lowell W  
 Highland L  
 Hammond High W  
 Munster W  
 Lake Central L  
 Crown Point W  
 Calumet W  
 Lowell W  
 Andean W  
 Sectionals:  
 Lowell W  
 Lake Central W  
 Regionals:  
 Merrillville W  
 Bishop Noll W



"We lost a few games in the beginning but suddenly our batters started coming around and we really started hitting the ball," said senior Danielle Hanson



Last row: Jenna Lehmann, Coach B. Turner, Michelle Zebracki, Tricia Royce, Pam Stanford, Kellie Adams, Amy Strack, Lynn Katona, Coach D, Turner, Fourth row: Leslie Glover, Aimee Smith, Cheryl Schoenborn, Tricia Butler, Lisa Osmulski, Danielle Hanson, Heather Devitt, Third row: Anita Garnett, Jo Nahad, Becky Duney, Gina Covarrubius, Sharon Ryne, Second row: Sandie Bronson, Amy Bishop, Aimee Enoksen, Jen Kuck, Shellie Linders, Nikki Manno, First row: Korey Hrdina, Denise Castillo, Kim Fulkerson

# TAKE a new LOOK

How much could academics change in fifty years?

First of all, computers, television and VCRs have modernized education. It has improved from manual typewriters to word processing computers; from handwritten notes on the blackboard to xeroxed copies and computer disks.

Though the counter tops in the science rooms have not been replaced during the fifty years, the techniques used have changed.

These things have changed education for the better and have helped students take a new look toward the future.



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# 1990-91

Chemistry often tends to be a dreaded class of many students. Senior Chris Zebracki follows her flow chart in order to figure out her unknown. Students of the past work on their biology and chemistry experiments as we still do today. In previous years foods class was made up of all girls but today guys tend to participate just as much. But something that never seems to change over the years is catching a student asleep in a class.

# 1970



# 1980



# STRUGGLING

Digits clog students' brain

## In math

Math. The most dreaded subject known to man. Not only is it very haunting, but it comes in more than one form. There are many types such as Consumer Math, Math for Daily Living, General Math, Pre-Algebra, Algebra, Algebra II, Geometry, Advanced Geometry, Trigonometry, Analytical Geometry, and Calculus, but who's counting? Even though it may be alarming, it can't be avoided because the Indiana school law requires at least two years of math to graduate.

Unfortunately, if one wants to succeed at any kind of science (which is also required), at least a little mathematical knowledge is required. Junior Allison Kundrot said, "In Biology, for a few of our labs we've had

to use some math." Junior Becki Furman said, "Luckily, I had enough math when I took Chemistry because it helped me understand it better."

Kirsten Anderson, a junior, is currently enrolled in Algebra II and is planning to advance to Trigonometry and Analytical Geometry in her senior year. She said, "Math is an OK subject if you understand numbers and formulas."

One of the most difficult types of math is Trigonometry. A lot of students don't make it that far because other students have warned them against it. "Trigonometry is a very difficult class and I'd advise only students who are planning on majoring in math in college to take it," said senior Danielle Hanson.

Another type of math that is on the difficult side is Geometry. However, some students don't think it is too hard if you put forth a little effort. Junior Becky Rodriguez said, "I don't think Geometry is very difficult if you really pay attention and study all of the theorems and postulates."

Although math is not placed on the top of everyone's list as a favorite subject, students know that it can't be avoided, so they take different approaches to it. While some people study very hard and make the most of it, others just slack off and barely pass with a D. Sophomore Phil Isaily said, "Since I'm not very good in math, I am just going to take the bare necessities of it and try my best."



Junior Lisa Fonseca works diligently on her assignment in her math class so she can get it done before the bell rings.

So she is able to get her Algebra II test done faster, sophomore Jennifer Huss uses her calculator to do it.







Showing that math can also be a fun subject, juniors Stacie Carrol and Kellie Swienconek laugh as they figure out the correct method of solving a story problem.



Math teacher Mrs. Teresa Carstensen writes on the board so she can show a couple of different ways to do the homework.

So he can ace the test, senior Nick Vittorio concentrates on remembering theorems that are used to solve proofs.

# LOOKING BACK

Diffierent way of learning

## Through Time

Have you ever given history class a chance and found it to be interesting? Mr. Don Ray's advanced government class gave it a chance and had fun doing the different class projects throughout the year.

This class went to the Griffith Public Library at least five different nights to prepare for state competition on December 20. In addition, they went to the library in their individual groups to prepare even further. The groups had a simulated hearing involving government officials, teachers, other invited speakers, and the media. When they went down state, as a class, they placed sixth in overall scores.

"With no hesitation, teaching advanced government was my most enjoyable teaching experience," said

Mr. Ray.

In the spring, the class took place in a mock trial, held in the high school library, sponsored by the National Institute for Citizen Education in Law to help teachers effectively present the judicial branch to their classes. Plaintiff attorney senior Amy McDonnell and defense attorney senior Jason Reyome argued the case, which centered on a female who wanted to play on the boys soccer team.

"I plan on becoming a lawyer, so the experience was worthwhile," said McDonnell.

Another social studies class that got more involved with the students was the Current Events class. The Current Events class works with the

problems that arise in the world today instead of the past. To get the class involved, teacher Mr. Robert Hastings used flash cards, history games, puzzles, and had students do oral reports.

Senior Mark Batliner said, "During the Middle East Crisis we held a United Nations meeting. Each student represented a person from the countries involved. Mike Worosz and I dressed up as Arabs; it was hilarious. I liked Current Events because it gave me a chance to really understand what's going on in the world."

Junior Jim Bogner said, "Mr. Hastings really knows how to keep our attention and he gets us involved with Current Events."



Seniors Ben Murphy and Bob Haas prepare a response to a conflicting point of view during government debates.

Seniors Steve Fields and Dennis Troska are not convinced at their opposing debaters views and discuss comeback arguments.





Enjoying the center of attention seniors Mark Batliner and Mike Worosz participate in a mock United Nations meeting during current events class.

History teacher Mr. Robert Hastings waits for a response from his students while discussing the week's current events.



Mr. Dalton, social studies department chairperson, pays close attention to the guest speakers who spoke to prepare the advanced government class for state competition.

# ACADEMIC TEAM S

Decathlon teams prove to be winners

## better than the rest

Have you ever been involved in any form of competition? Have you ever been in a spelling bee or had to take a test that you needed to do your best at? If you have, then maybe you can understand how it is to be on an academic team.

The Super Bowl is one academic competition event that takes place. This is composed of five divisions and one where that team has to know about all of the subjects. Each team is made up of three people and two alternates. One of these students are selected to be the captain and cannot at any time be substituted. While the other two can be switched after the tenth question is given, and no other time. The five divisions are Social Studies, Math, Fine Arts, Science, and English. There are also three

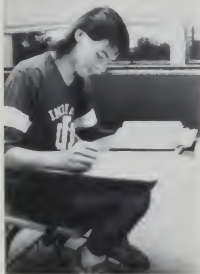
competitions: area, regionals, and state. The scores that each team gets is tallied and the top six scoring teams go to state. The competition consists of twenty-five questions shown on an overhead, that the team will discuss and choose the best answer. The English team placed first in area and second in state.

Mrs. Barb Deleget, a Super Bowl teacher, said, "The teams are really supportive and excited for each other and it's funny to see some of them bringing their favorite pencil or stuffed animal for good luck. It's almost as if it were an athletic event, I only wish more students would come to support our teams."

The Spell Bowl is another competition. In order to do well the member must study a list of words, take many

quizzes, and practically memorize the words. The Spell Bowl was held here in Griffith, for the local level, and in Indianapolis, for the state level. Each student of the ten students in a team is required to compete by themselves. Then eight words plus two tie breakers are given to spell in about fifteen seconds. Locally they placed first and second in state competition. Junior Becky Furman said, "I participated in both competitions and I think it will help me on my college applications."

Both of these competitions require self-discipline, learning new materials, and evidently the will to succeed. Junior Kevin Kozuch said, "Not only do I learn a lot from these competitions, but I made new friends and have a bunch of fun."



Senior Mike Stucky is taking notes to help prepare him for his section of competition.

This is one of the mock tests that Senior Greg Schutter is taking before he competes.



Doing well in the classroom provides one with the knowledge necessary to do well in academic competitions. Senior Brian Jamison reviews a lesson on the computer to freshen up on the subject.



Back row: Rebecca Wisinski, Brian Jamison, Mike Stucky, Kevin Kozuch, Jason Reymoe, Greg Schutter, Jim Latin. Bottom row: Elaine Walker, Chris Fisher, Melissa Busovsky, Dana Anderson, Kelli Gall, and Scott Leslie.



Top Row: Jeff Ferguson, Rebecca Wisinski, Elaine Healey, Becky Furman, Kirsten Anderson, Kevin Kozuch, Chris Swatts, Jason Reymoe. Middle Row: Brian Jamison, Chris Fisher, Chris Wilcox, Melissa Busovsky, Lora Lee Kilgore, Jenny Huss, Tina Walker. Bottom: Joe Judge, Mike Stucky, Jenny Riese, Dana Anderson, Kelli Gall, Jackie Acosta, and Lindsey Friend.



# ¡HOLA! CA VA?

From tocos to crepes

## Fine thanks

Hola and Bonjour! These are both greetings from our foreign language departments.

This year, the Spanish 3-4 class made their pinatas. Some tried to do the Simpsons, and others tried the traditional bullfighters. It took them about two weeks to get their finished products. They had to put several layers of starch soaked newspaper strips on balloons and kept adding them until they got the shapes they wanted. After the newspaper strips dried a needle was used to pop the balloon, and the shape stayed in tact because of the dried paper. Next, colored crepe paper was added to get details and coloring. Depending on what the design was supposed to be, little slashes were made in the crepe paper or color was wrapped around

the strips of newspaper.

Basically students enjoyed the creativity of making the pinatas. Senior Mark Batliner said, "I enjoyed making pinatas because they are a fun activity and a challenge to my creativity."

Junior Becky Furman said, "Pinata making was a lot harder than I expected it to be."

Madame Bety Weber is the French teacher. Her class isn't an ordinary language class. They do things such as writing down thoughts or comments and then Ms. Weber will read them and try to talk about it without revealing any names. These thought papers, as they're called, range from serious issues to jokes and riddles. Other things that are done are stretching exercises with the whole class if

they are tired or not participating. They also sing songs in French, meditate and interpret quotes and sayings. Junior Tracy LaBuda said, "My favorite part about French is the thoughts we do every Friday."

The students do have to work if they are going to learn though. They do worksheets, exercises with tapes, watch videos and other French related activities. Most students say they learn about French and life while taking this course.

Senior Lisa Marshall said, "I took French because I think it's a pretty language." Some people took French for specific reasons but mostly it's just so they can get their two years in for college. Senior Tim Adams said, "I took it so I'd have my second year in."



Junior Becky Furman struggles with crepe paper for her pinata. This project is enjoyed by Spanish students because it gives them a break from regular class activity.

Although there are different activities in the foreign language classes they still include studying and homework. Junior Neil Miklusak and sophomore Jason Parsons take time out of class to do their assignments.

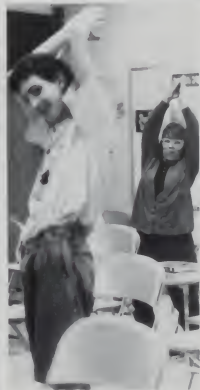




Preparing to start adding the color on the pinata that soon will be Marge Simpson junior Denise Castillo and senior Danielle Hanson glue the crepe paper on.



Junior Kirsten Anderson's pinata will soon be a bumble bee. She is starting on the color variations by using some black and gold.



Juniors Jeff Taylor and Tracy LaBuda stretch during class to make them more alert for the rest of the hour. Sometimes this is needed especially when the teacher is lecturing.

# TEACHING RIGHT

Teachers stress the use of correct grammar

## From Wrong

"Like Wow! Like I really don't know why we have this freakin' English test this hour? That's totally bogus!" Some people say that slang use is why English is the hardest language to learn.

Since some type of English is required all four years of high school, probably the first thing to do would be to know the choices. Journalism, Contemporary Literature, Beginning Composition, and English Novel and Drama are only a few of the English electives offered in our school. Senior Mitch Maciszak said, "I'd recommend taking American Novel because it's not that hard if you just read the assignments". The class also familiarizes students with work of Ameri-

can authors.

Some of these classes will help prepare you for college. Senior Anne Barenie said, "I took grammar because I wanted a last review before college. This way it won't be as hard to remember the right way to do things".

Not only are these classes good for college but they prepare you for the future in general. For example, junior Jen Romano said, "Having taken speech class, speaking in groups is a lot easier. It also helps if you ever have to do any public speaking in the future".

These different classes teach you to read better, speak proper English, and writewell. They also expand

vocabulary, strengthen spelling skills, and help one interpret stories and poems.

One of the pet peeves English teachers have is the way most students use our language. "Like, um, yeah," and many others are corrected by English teachers. Mr. Gerry Spejewski, English teacher, said, "Listening to their parents pronunciations, slang, and television's mutilation of the language causes the problems with the kids and their language".

Whether they concentrate on speaking, reading, or the writing part of English there are enough classes to fill a schedule up for a full four years of high school English.



Junior Chris Logan tries to persuade his audience to see his point of view in his speech.

Seniors Laura Shoulders and Jenny Seberger take notes on the book that they're reading so they can remember the plot twists and characters more easily.





Junior Allison Kundrot explains to senior Christine Hochstetler how to do note cards for the term paper they are writing. Early organization and research are keys to a successful term paper.



Developing a snack food product and marketing it through a commercial and print ad is one of the assignments in journalism class. Mammoth Mouth Yummies, the giant pretzel snack, also had its own rap jingle.

Senior Barb Belush and Junior Tara Anderson discuss they're book so they can understand it better.

# Industrial Technology

## Many ways of learning

# Education

I.T.E. is hands on experience class that helps students in different areas. Taught by Mr. Joe Glassford, Mr. John Aldrin and Mr. Larry Parker, I.T.E. has been offered here for about five years.

Mr. Glassford teaches Energy, Transportation, and Power Mechanics. His energy class looks at solar energy, fossil fuels, thermal energy, recycling, and conservation of energy. For a project the students made a miniature coal mine to see how it would work.

Mr. Glassford said, "I.T.E. gets the student to think in terms of the impact of the energy and makes them

aware, as adults, to know about the world around them enough so that they could have an educated voice on things."

Transportation deals with land, air, water, pipe-line, assembly line, and any other modes of transportation. Power Mechanics is mostly taught in industrial arts but can be a part of I.T.E. This class works with computers and cars. A project done is the disassembly and reassembly of a small engine.

Mr. Aldrin teaches all I.T.E. based classes, three of which are Constructing Structures. The main project of these classes is building a six-foot

half of a house. They build a wall with a roof, floor, window, heating, plumbing and electricity. After this is done, they finish it with carpeting and siding. Other units are concrete work, laying bricks, duct work, and plumbing trim work.

In Manufacturing the students learn to design, produce, and sell their own made up product. Mr. Aldrin said, "Students come back to me and say how much this class has helped them in their life and business."

Electronic communication, Mass Communication and Construction Plan Design are taught by department chairperson Mr. Parker.



Seniors Jason Wright and Pat Ryan are spraying a car with a new coat of paint in their ITE class.

Senior Eric Hilgeman welds his pipe together for his project in the Constructing Structures class.







Senior Eric Hilgeman and junior Troy Murphy make the threads on their pipe for the plumbing in their house.

ITE teacher Mr. Joe Glassford shows his students how to do different things on the computer.



Sophomore Charlie Marquand nails the last nail in the structure of his half house.

Sophomore Troy Brodie is aligning small cars to test in the wind tunnel to see how they would be affected.

# Pleasure through H

Art students learn with practice

## Graphic Media

What does clay, wood, paint, colored pencils, and paint brushes have in common? They are all tools used in creating many different kinds of art projects.

There are many different classes available that deal with the artistic field. Some of them are Jewelry Making, Print Making, Pottery, and Drawing and Painting.

Several students who have never taken an art class may wonder what the art department has to offer. Mr. Witt, art teacher, said, "Most people take art to work with the variety of materials offered. I also believe

that I can instill an appreciation for art and one they can continue after high school."

Why do students take time out of their schedules to take an art class? Senior Beth Piorkowski said, "I take art to get away from the every day pen and paper classes."

Remember when kids in the third grade would bring ceramic ashtrays home that they made in art class? What do students do with the projects they make now, in high school? Senior Karen Hoffman said, "I made a lot of neat projects that I've kept over the

years, but some of them were so bad that I just trashed them as soon as they were graded."

There were three art students that won awards at this year's Northern Indiana Art Association art show. The students were Chad Aldrin with a first place and an honorable mention, Erin Cheffer with an award of distinction, and Cathy Kleimola with an honorable mention.

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Senior Karen Hoffman puts the finishing touches on a piece of pottery she is making for her mother.



Sophomore Amy Evanatz shapes her jewelry into many forms before she is satisfied with the end product.

During the annual student art show in the library, junior Jennifer Osborn admires her fellow students' tremendous artistic ability.





"Oh, this feels gross!" senior Karen Hoffman uses the clay to make something for pottery.

Senior John Powers and junior Jay Hackworth prepare the paint to do a project involving airbrushing.



Mr. Bob Witt, the art and ceramics teacher, helps one of the art students prepare a mask of her face.

# Publication S

## Deadlines and competition

### under stress

"Get off that computer! I need my pictures. Now! Who has my layout?! Who called for the ad?! Someone stole my story!! I'll crop your pictures if you type my story!" These are the stressful comments that are made at: DEADLINE TIME!

Although the *Reflector* is only produced once a year and the *Panther Press* is published every two weeks they have similarities. Everyone has his or her particular assignment which includes interviews, pictures, captions, and accuracy. Another similarity is that they both preserve events that have happened through of the year.

Junior Tomisha Joseph, People and Organization Editor said, "A lot of people think that Yearbook is a blow off class but once they get on staff they have to work really hard to meet

the deadlines".

Junior Allison Kundrot said, "The hardest part is running around and interviewing people, the easiest part is actually writing the story".

Although the two staffs serve basically the same purpose a friendly rivalry exists between the staffs. Each one is always trying to outdo the other to show which one is better.

*Panther Press* editor, senior Dana Anderson said, "Our paper reaches the families of the students as well as the students themselves so it gives the parents a chance to clip and save pictures of their children through the year while most parents never see the yearbook."

*Reflector* editor, senior, Stephanie Gilbert disagreed, "I think that the yearbook is a scrapbook of the year. Everyone keeps his or her yearbooks

but do you know anyone who has every edition of the *Panther Press*?"

The Yearbook staff also feels that they are better than the *Panther Press* in other areas. Junior Diana Davis said, "We are more creative to do what we want and we're allowed to have more pictures which makes the Yearbook more exciting".

"*Panther Press*' deadlines come more often but yearbook's are probably more intense as they submit more pages at one time. Both work equally hard at creating a journalistic publication for their readers and both have been recognized for their work. They promote their rivalry as a means of friendly competition; I think they both realize and appreciate the extent of the other's work," said adviser of both publications, Ms. Julie Marcinek.



*Panther Press* Business Manager senior Laura Shoulders looks through the phone book to find advertisers to contact. Advertising revenue helps the paper to be self-supporting.

*Panther Press* sports editor senior Kevin Nurdyke gets instructions on how to properly crop a photograph for his sports pages from Editor in Chief senior Dana Anderson and Associate Editor senior Jason Reymoe.







Junior Diana Davis finds the proper dimensions of her dominant photograph to instruct the photographers what type of picture to take for her yearbook layout. Davis also was the Copy Editor.

"How do I change the point size of these captions?" asks Reflector Editor-in-Chief senior Stephanie Gilbert to adviser Ms. Julie Marcinek. This was the first year the yearbook was completed entirely on computers.



Reflector Staff front row: Jennifer Lassiter, Jill Littlefield, Stephanie Gilbert, Brandie McKeown, adviser Julie Marcinek. 2nd row: Dedra Rutherford, Diana Davis, Jennifer Potts, Eric Hoffman. Back row: Tim Gatlin, Heather Doroff, Nikki Kurzeja, Tomisha Joseph.



Panther Press staff. Front row Matt Marcus, Alicia Raketich, Mitch Maciszak, Laura Shoulders, Dana Anderson, Nikki Bowron. Back row Kevin Nordyke, Mike Pacurar, Jason Reyome, Darrick Ramsey, Ryan Keen, Steve Mitchuson, Jen Bubala, Danielle Dudek, Allison Kundrot.



# Science S

Biology, Chemistry, and Physics

## build a future

Have you ever seen people walking in school with hearts drawn on poster board, carrying a fetal pig in a bag, or even people using slinkies in the hall? If you have, then you have seen what goes on in some of the science courses at GHS.

Wearing goggles and the smell of formaldehyde are only two of the advantages of taking a science course in high school. Other assignments are dissecting fetal pigs, doing news panels, and learning about the human body in detail. These are some of the focuses in Advanced Biology.

First year Biology has a little of the same teachings in it. They also do news panels and learn about the body.



Mr. Howard Besch demonstrates a lab to his Physics class.

Juniors Sherry Bragg and James Duicher work rapidly to finish their biology homework before the bell rings.

Some of the unique things that are done in Biology are the detailed projects such as: construction of a cell, food label poster, heart poster, an individual learning section, and a digestion story.

Junior Todd Leslie said, "We are studying about the reproductive systems in advanced biology and I think that this will be helpful for us when we are ready to have a family."

Chemistry is another science and works mainly with chemicals and mixtures. The main project for this class is the unknown unit. That is taking a chemical and running different tests on it to find out what it is.

In Physics, students study light

and its waves, quantum theories, electricity, reflection and refraction, and water waves.

Junior Neil Miklusak said, "My favorite section in Physics was when we got to play with slinkies to study waves."

The sciences are in our school are here to help students understand the properties of life and the world around us.

"In learning Biology it can help you for the rest of your life. For instance things that might go wrong in your body or using the scientific method to help in solving problems," said Biology teacher Sandra Beahm.





Seniors Andy Lane and Eric Messmer look and measure light rays in Physics.



Sophomores Shawn Wright and Rebecca Schoon try to finish their lab in Biology.



A sophomore looks through his microscope trying to determine what the organisms are.

# Taking Care

Keyboarding, and accounting help prepare students for their business life

## Of Business

What would you do if you knew that your future career was going to be an accountant or a secretary? Some people are preparing now in high school. With classes such as Word Processing, Shorthand, Office Procedures, Typing, Accounting, or Record Keeping some students are seeing how it would be to possibly be in that occupation.

Junior Tara Anderson said, "I've taken both Word Processing classes because I think I would like to be a word processor in the future and it would look good on an application for me to have taken two years of it already."

Some of the people taking these

classes are looking into what they would like to do as a career but, some are just getting basic skills for college and just wanting to know how to do things certain things.

Junior Sherry Bragg said, "I took shorthand because I felt it would help me to write at a faster pace. Also, I felt that it would help me in college so I can take notes quickly."

In Accounting the classes are small and the students get to know each other better. "We really don't have a lot of homework all the time, the class itself is pretty easy, and the teacher really isn't hanging over your shoulder the whole time," said junior Mike Tanis.

Even if the classes are full the students and teachers still get to know each other and learn. Word Processing and Office Procedures teacher, Miss Perry, said, "The contact with the various personalities of the students, the variety each day presents, the experience of seeing students learn, grow and achieve."

If the reason for taking business classes was to know if the student would like that as a career or if they just wanted to take it for the experience, the classes are still able to teach the students what they wanted to learn and what they needed to know to help them with their future career and plans for future life.



Junior Mike Tanis calculates the numbers in his workbook so he can complete his assignment in class.

Senior Scott Jajowka checks the figures in his textbook with the ones in his worksheet to see if they're right



Sophomore reads her assignment from her manual as she types it on the word processor.



Junior Tracy Murphy pauses to rest her hands and read the next few lines before typing again.

Junior Dana Kelderman writes her figures in her other workbooks just in case she missed something.



Junior Adam Schroeder is showing his typing skills as he concentrates on the words off the page.

# TAKE a new LOOK

Just like fifty years ago students are still interested in extra-curricular activities. Different clubs and organizations have come and gone, but some are still around. Booster club, Band, choir, and Student Government are a few that have made it through. Pantherettes, Sweater girls, honor groups, and DECA are some of the newer additions to G.H.S. These different organizations have affected Griffith High school with their entertainment and spirit. Some of the groups not only help the school but have a part in helping the community create a new look with blood drives and yellow ribbons.



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# 1990-91

One of the biggest GHS organizations still around is the school band. They march on the field at home football games and perform in the main gym during basketball season. Although drum majors and majorettes, movie workers, and the Pantherettes may have changed faces over time their duties are still basically the same.

# 1970



# 1980




Student Council members sit and think of different ways to improve the school at one of the weekly meetings.



Juniors Jill Littlefield and Kevin Kozuch watch as Honor Society President senior Jason Reyome donates blood.





# respect, LEADERS & HELPERS

## responsibilities, setting examples

Think about Prom, Turnabout, Student Council, SADD, DECA and other organizations that people are able to participate in at school. Who organizes them and sees that events take place as planned? Leaders, of course!

Leaders are those who are responsible for all of the fun (and not so fun) activities that students are able to be part of at school. Their titles range from President or Vice-President to class officer to many other names.

Being a leader can be a difficult job, but, some students are able to take on more than one leadership position at a time.

Junior Kevin Kozuch is taking on three jobs at one time. He is Vice-President of the junior class and also a member of Student Council and Honor Society. Since he is a junior class officer and also a member of Student Council, Kozuch has to help build the Homecoming float and plan different spirit activities and fundraisers. Kozuch enjoys being in so many activities because he likes to be part of the decision making. He said, "Being a leader is a responsibility that not everyone wants to take on, but I think being one (a leader) is well worth the effort I've put in."

While leaders are responsible for overseeing activities, they could not do it alone. Many other people participate in the hard work. Kozuch said, "Everyone that helps out does their share of the work."

Senior Lisa Osmulski, like Kozuch, is taking on more than one position at a time. She is President of Student Council, President of Varsity Club, captain of the softball team, and captain of the girls basketball team. Being

president of Student Council gives her the responsibility of conducting the meetings and also being in charge of extra events sponsored by the council that take place at school, such as spirit week.

Being in a leadership position sometimes puts her under a lot of pressure. Osmulski said, "If you're a leader, every student's eyes are on you. Everything you do has to be right and if you make one little mistake it can affect your image as being a person in charge."

Even after all of the pressure she experiences, Osmulski still sees the optimistic side of being a leader. She said, "You have a lot of responsibility and a lot of people watching every little move you make. I feel good knowing that something I do might have an impact on other people."

Whatever activity or organization one is involved in at school, the leaders have taken the time to make them possible. Without their time and help, school would be nothing but a bunch of lectures, tests, school work and homework.



Student Council Secretary senior Stephanie Gilbert takes notes of important issues.

Students listen as senior Lisa Osmulski, Student Council President, keeps order during a meeting.



Junior Jen Romano, treasurer of Student Council, collects bracelets and money for the trip to Great America.

Junior Aimee Enoksen sells tickets for this year's Junior Senior Prom to Lisa Osmulski and Rick Burks.



**SOPHOMORE CLASS COUNCIL:** third row: Melissa Busovsky, Jackie Acosta, Lindsey Friend, Dan Pastar, second row: Becky Duney, LoraLee Kilgore, Danielle Dudck, front row: Kelley Adams, Kelley Gall, Sarah Krooswyk, Jenna Leahman.



**JUNIOR CLASS COUNCIL:** fourth row: Rebecca Furman, April Massa, Alicia Bodley, Tabitha Dishman, Jill Littlefield, Candie Hall, Larry Atkins, third row: Jennifer Truman, Nor Grudzien, Christine Hochstetler, Kirsan Anderson, Jennifer King, Jenni Cebulski, second row: Cindy Knezevich, Adrienne Bogieski, Aimee Enoksen, Jenny Clark, Jenny Havlin, Staci Carrell, front row: Stephanie Kirk, Denise Castillo, Denise DeBoer, Bob Wlazlo, Kevin Kozuch.



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# GOVERNMENT & STUDENTS

homecoming,  
charities

The student government plays a big role in doing many things for our school and community. It is a good way to get involved with student activities. The students and administration work together to pass proposals as well as making many very important decisions. "Our main goal was to help out the school and our society," said senior Jill Burbridge.

People don't seem to realize that the Student Government actually does if they are not involved. Homecoming, Prom, Turnabout, and Spirit Week are just a few things they plan each year. One new proposal brought up by the Student Council was to plant a Red Sunset Maple by the boys' baseball field.

Student Council consists of twelve representatives from each grade and four officers. They meet every Wednesday morning at 7:30 in the A.V. room. Don't think you cannot get involved just because you're not a member. All meetings are open to anyone who wants to attend.

Each class has one main event to put together each year. Sophomores have Turnabout, juniors prepare the Prom, and the seniors just basically organize the senior banquet. "The thing I enjoyed most about being

senior class president was planning the banquet," said senior Mike Hipp.

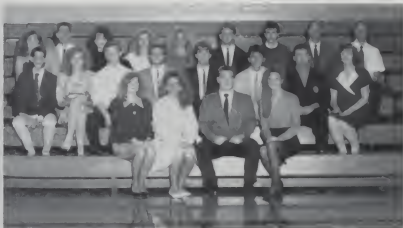
In trying to put things together there are always decisions to be made. To reach a decision they take a vote and the majority wins. But when dealing with approximately forty students in grades ten through twelve may tend to be a challenge at times. The students have to be willing to work together and agree on certain issues. Student Council sponsor, Mr. Birk, said, "I was very pleased with the

cooperation I received this year. Student Council has done a very fine job in representing the student body."

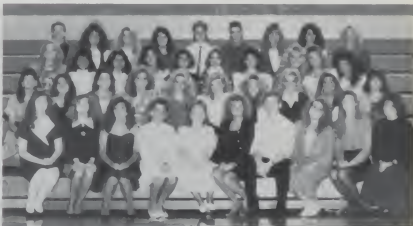
Besides making decisions for the school the Student Council raises money for different charities by sponsoring dances and selling Santa grams, which are the two biggest fundraisers. "Basically what we do are not just things for our school and ourselves, but for our community, like the food drive for example," said senior Robin Guzikki. In order to raise more food they tried something new. A slave auction! Students were sold as servants to the highest bidder ranging from one can of food to 120 cans.

With the help and cooperation of every member of the Student Government they were able to make every one of the student functions successful. Senior Jason Reymore said, "I think Student Council has made a one-hundred percent turn around this year. We're much more involved with the school and even more so with the community."

Junior Stephanie Kirk and junior class sponsor, Theresa Carstenson sell prom glasses to the students during the lunch hour.



SENIOR CLASS COUNCIL: third row: Jill Burbridge, Mike Bell, Robin Guzikki, Dana Anderson, Alicia Raketch, Clint Lamb, Joe Judge, Chris Swatts, Chad Aldrin, second row: Brian Jamison, Tina Kilgore, Jason Reymore, Doug Snyder, Jim Crosek, Alex Djukic, Daryl Lopez, Lois Cox, front row: Laura Shoulders, Kelli Ford, Mike Hipp, Amy McDonnell.



STUDENT COUNCIL: fourth row: Bob Wiazlo, Mindy Davis, Lindsey Friend, Jenna Leahman, Kevin Kozach, Kyle Towson, Cathy Kleimola, Noel Grudzien, Sarah Krosswyk, third row: Cindy Knezevich, Jackie Acosta, Monica Salcedo, Stephanie Kirk, Kelley Gall, Lori Lee Kilgore, Danielle Dudek, Denise DeBoer, Aimee Enoksen, Denise Castillo, second row: Kelley Adams, Denise Thompson, Becky Duney, Tina Kilgore, Alicia Raketch, Dana Anderson, Angie Matson, Michelle Zabracki, Jennifer Kerr, Adrienne Bogieski, front row: Lois Cox, Laura Shoulders, Jill Burbridge, Kelli Ford, Jenn Romano, Lisa Osmulski, Jason Reymore, Stephanie Gilbert, Amy McDonnell, Robin Guzikki.



Pantherettes and Sweatergirls join the cheerleaders in preparing to welcome the team to cheers of "Let Gavit have it" during the final sectional game.

Conveying their feelings about the Panthers the Pantherettes perform one of their routines by forming a number one during the playoff pep rally.



Half-time entertainment is made more exciting by the performance of the Pantherettes new dance routine which they perfected during their practices during the week.



Booster Club. Bottom: Jim Crook. First Row: Holly Farrar, Pam Evans, Jennifer Lawler, Melinda Young, Heather David, Cindy Caldwell, Ronda Myers, Carrie Heston, Amy Hunkley. Second Row: Denise Cavillo, Kim Hedlin, Jenni Chubb, Kelly Swencock, Shannon Powers, Amy Enoksen, Laura Dorelli, Tina Mann, Jennifer Kuck, Sam Murrain, Rebecca Chandler, Jill Littlefield, Tracy Sime, Marybeth Yonan, Zahra Dehman. Third Row: Angie Matson, Jennifer Kerr, Beth Mewer, Jenni Seberger, Jennifer Bishop, Kodi Haack, Stacie Carrell, Jenny Clark, Bridget Butler, Jill Burbridge, Laura Shaulder, Kelly Gail, Jackie Acosta, Margana Rocha. Fourth Row: Rachel Carden, Katy Gulotta, Tricia Rye, Pam Stanford, Tina Kilgore, Jenni Bubba, Kim Woodall, Sarah Krowczyk, Denise Thompson, Alicia Rakelich, Nikki Billingsley, Sherry Bragg, Amy Weil, Amy Bishop. Fifth Row: Denise DeBoer, Jenny Haas, Melissa Bowersky, Kellie Adams, Lori Lee Kilgore, Pat Verbas, Diana Davis, Tina Walker, Rebecca Doney, Jennifer Haylin, Danielle Dudek, Dana Anderson, Brandi M. Keown, Kelly Bennett, Gill Stuplion. Sixth Row: Cindy Knezevich, Robin Guznick, Tracy Murphy, Michelle Zehraicki, Lee Ann Riese, Theresa Linn, Adrienne Begreklis, Christine Hochstetler, Laurie Rodriguez, Beth Lee, Stephanie Gilbert, Lisa Omdahl, Kim Folkerson, Tim Muir, Stephanie Kirk. Seventh Row: Cathy Kleinola, Amy Strack, Lindsey Friend, Jenna Lehmann, Nikki Kurreja, Naomi Verbas, Amy McDonnell, Noel Grudzen, Nicole Doney, Mary McCarty, Karen Hoffman, Kelli Ford, Aimee Smith, Rachel Lugin, Jenny Riese, Tonya Jensen.

# boosters, PEP & PRIDE sweatergirls, pantherettes

**P**antherettes, Sweatergirls, and Booster Club: What do

these three groups have in common? They are the ones who entertain and hype up the crowds at pep rallies, games, and other pre-game activities. As far as Pantherettes go they all want one thing, to dance and perform! President of the Pantherettes, senior Beth Menser, said "I love to dance and perform. It gives me a challenge and it's fun to go out there and show the crowd what you can do."

The advantages of being in Pantherettes vary somewhat, from spending time with friends to learning leadership skills and responsibility.

Cindy Knezevich a junior and Pantherette Historian, said something a little different though, "An advantage that we have is a chance to get involved in competitions."

Most of the Pantherettes agree that they do make a lot of friends in this group and get to spend their time with each other. Senior Vice President, Jennifer Bishop said, "You get to spend a lot of time with your good friends in practice and to me that's an advantage."

Menser said, "Becoming a Pantherette helps you receive leadership qualities and can help you become more open since you're working with a group of girls who almost become your life."

Even though Pantherettes sounds like a lot of fun, it is not something taken lightly and it's not all fun and games. There is a lot of practice and time put into making them perform.

They have to give up one hour of their schedule for the class and then they have to stay after school on Tuesdays, Thursdays.

Free time seems to be widely agreed upon as the biggest disadvantage. Knezevich said, "I had to give up my free time with friends that aren't in Pantherettes."

With the help of their sponsor, Mrs. Davis, the Pantherettes have done well this year and generally grown from the experience.

Like Pantherettes, Sweatergirls and Booster Club also have their good points and bad points. The Sweatergirls said that they get to be involved with helping excite the school as well as supporting them. Senior Cyndi Caldwell said, "We get to show our team spirit."

Junior Ronda Myers explains how they show that spirit. "We make posters, the hoops, and we decorate the players lockers."

The Pantherettes, Sweater Girls and Booster Club seem to pull it together nicely. They'll be there when the school needs spirit and support.

The balloons are let go as the Sweatergirls give their gift to the football players to boost their spirit.



Pantherettes: Back: Angie Mason, Loralie Kilgore, Sarah Krowczyk, Misty Davis, Josh Hawk, Jackie Acosta. Middle: Jaina Davis, Jenny Clark, Adrienne Begrelski, Norel Gaudson, Sherry Bragg, Jenni Cebulski. Front: Nikki Billingsley, Michelle Zehrback, Robin Giaricki, Beth Menser, Jenny Bishop, Cindy Knezevich, Tina Kilgore.

Sweatergirls: (left to right): Amy Hrydosky, Carrie Hensing, Jennifer Lassater, Jen King, Melinda Fleming, Mary McCarty, Heather Dorsett, Cindy Caldwell, Ronda Myers, Melissa Fleming, Holly Farrar.

Mr. Gerry Spejewski patiently waits to give blood, while junior hand-holder Jill Littlefield and sophomore Kim Woodall watch.

Senior Jason Reymoe, president of Quill and Scroll, makes reservations for the Journalism banquet to the House of Lynwood representative.



Varsity Club: Front row: Corey Hrdina, Aimee Smith, Ruth Anne Jetton, Stephanie Gilbert, Lisa Osmulski, Alex Djuck. Second row: Dana Anderson, Angie Matson, Tricia Roye, Pam Stanford, Tim Garvey, Adrienne Bogelski, Ronda Meyers, Danielle Hanson, Jennifer Kerr. Third row: Jenni Cebulski, Jack Massa, Robin Guzeki, Tracy Murphy, Karen Hoffman, Laurie Rodriguez, Christine Hochstetler, Jennifer Seberger, Brian Jamison, Tracy Sines. Fourth row: Laura Shoulders, Terri Letto, LeeAnn Reese, Amy Strack, Bill Polites, Mitch Macisak, Jason Reymoe, Cathy Kleimola, Nicole Dunne. Fifth row: Nikki Kurzeja, Mike Worecz, Nancy Vrehas, Kevin Harder, Anthony Reid, Scott Sutton, Doug Snyder, Clint Lamb, Jennifer Sacula, Daryl Lopez. Sixth row: David Crossley, Ryan Keen, Mike Bell, CHrs Swatts, Mike Patterson, Neil Miklusak, Jim Crotek, Nick Mathews, Joe Reitz, Andy Lane.



Quill and Scroll: Front row: Jennifer Lassiter, Alicia Raketchik, Jason Reymoe, Dana Anderson, Stephanie Gilbert. Second row: Matt Marcus, Tomisha Joseph, Jill Littlefield, Miss Marcinek. Third row: Nikki Kurzeja, Kevin Nordyke, Nikki Bowron.

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# BRAINS & BRAUN

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Brains, leadership qualities, honesty, and a 3.4 grade point average is what it takes to be a member of Honor Society.

Junior Kevin Kozuch said, "Maintaining a 3.4 grade point can be rough with extra-curricular activities going on, but it is worth it."

"It really is a privilege to be a member of Honor Society. We do many important things, like run the blood drive, sponsor recognition night, and sponsor the Friday night dances at the school," said senior Lois Cox.

Senior Anne Barenie said, "Honor Society makes you feel good about yourself, it can help others, and keep you involved."

The blood drive was April 24, in the fieldhouse. This is a yearly service project that Honor Society has done the past few years.

"The blood drive provides, not only Honor Society members, but the entire student body with an opportunity to help the community, through the donation of blood," said Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, Honor Society sponsor.

Not only are there clubs to recognize students academically, but also athletically. To be in Varsity Club

an athlete must letter in at least one sport. Varsity club is not just sitting around talking about games and practice, the members have the duty of discussing who deserves the title of Homecoming queen and voting on it. That is a special election where only Varsity Club members are eligible to vote.

Quill and Scroll is an honor society for journalists who have

worked on either of the publication staffs and is in the top third of their class. To give credit to those dedicated young writers, they are initiated into the organization during the banquet at the end of the year.

Junior Tomisha Joseph said, "I wanted to be in Quill and Scroll because I already took Journalism I and I'm on the yearbook staff, so I felt entitled to it."

Four girls and four boys are chosen to attend a seven day workshop at Indiana University, in Terre Haute. During the workshop they meet delegates from other schools, learn about the government and how it works. "At first I wasn't excited about going, since it was during the summer, but once I got there and met the other delegates, it was fun. Also, going to Boys State will look good on college applications," said senior Dan Broelman.

Senior Dave Comer must take his temperature before donating blood during the Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Student Council. Community members as well as students and faculty donated blood.



Honor Society: Front row: Denise Castillo, Jennifer Seberger, Jason Reymore, Lois Cox, Amy McDonnell. Second row: Rebecca Wisenksi, Anne Barenie, Tim Garvey, Brian Jamison, Kevin Kozuch. Third row: Jennifer King, Dana Anderson, Kirsten Anderson, Lisa Osmulski, Jim Latin.



Boys/Girls State: Front row: Anne Barenie, Amy Strack, Dana Anderson, Lois Cox. Second row: Dan Broelmann, Andy Lane, Matt Marcus, Rob James, Jason Reymore.



Come on open up. Anticipating the finish product sophomore Gretchen Gasper pries open a paint can so she can get started painting props for the play.

Hey good score! Senior Joe Reitz likes being part of the bowling team, not only because he likes to bowl but also to help other team mates by keeping score.



Come on get a strike. Junior Candie Hall lines up preparing to knock down all ten pins to improve her score.



Bowling Club: Top row: Michelle Haluska, Candi Hall, Brandi McKeown, 4th row: Brian Jamison, Eric Messmer, Mike Stucky, Kirstin Anderson, Mike Hipp 3rd row: Bob Potosky, Jeff Ready, Joe Serbentez, Bob Gotteshammer, Doug Gillespie, Ed Hilgeman. 2nd row: Joe Judge, Ed Bukowski, Jim Gordon, Marty Torrez, Holly Farrar. Bottom row: Tricia Barnaby, Jennifer Potts, Anne Barenie, Marcy Nagel, Cam Kitzmiller, Michelle Griffith, Gloria Royster.



# a strike, THIS & THAT a ticket, a prop

**M**ovie workers, Stage crew, and Bowling club, what do these mean? These are some of the groups that take place outside of school and are really easy to get in to. There are no tryouts like sports or any other groups, just the will and desire to do your part and you are in.

Movie Workers take time out on Friday and Saturday nights to run the movies for the public. They give tickets, start the show and keep everyone under control which can sometimes be hard. "Sometimes the way kids behave is annoying, especially when they leave garbage all over the place," said sophomore Lorraine Barenie.

There are always the rewards that come along with the hard work. Such as seeing a free movie instead of paying and going out for pizza afterward. At any rate it is a great service for the school and the public. "As Barenie said, "This is my first year at this but I really enjoy it very much."

Then there is the stage crew which does their job for the school. A lot of time goes into making props, scenery, special affects, lighting, and spending every night at school in order to make the plays great. At the end there is always that feeling of

accomplishment as the play is shown with their work behind it. "Some nights you have to stay at school until real late at night but, when you finally see what you have accomplished at last it is great," said senior Matt Stucky.

Bowling Club is a group of hard working individuals made up of smaller groups to compete with each other every Wednesday after school. Once a week the bowling club takes

time to get together for two hours at Plaza Lanes. Being a part of this group takes team effort and the wanting to win, having fun though is the most important whether you do well or not.

Along with this activity there sometimes are spectators which can really cheer you on and help you do a good job. Whether it is your mom, dad, friends, girlfriend or boyfriend they seem to get caught up in the game too. Although, as some see it, to them it is pressure. "I like bowling, it is fun. I get to meet people and be with my friends, but if someone is there for me I get nervous and feel under pressure sometimes," said senior Anne Barenie.

Interested in getting a strike, or maybe giving something to the public? That is what these groups mean to every member involved in them. So have some fun and join if fun is your game.

Enjoy your movie. Senior Anne Barenie takes her time on weekends to work at the school movies to make sure the public has a good time.



Stage Crew: Top: Greg Shutter, Matt Stucky, Jim Lattin 3rd: Michelle Higgins, Amy Reese, Jenny Huss, Michelle Haluska 2nd: Jasmine Rodriguez, Joe Judge, Gretchen Gasper Bottom: Chris Fisher, Kati Mandez, Mike Stucky, Mr. Weaver

Movie Workers: Top: Matt Stucky, Tim Lattin 3rd: Jasmine Rodriguez, Leeanne Reeze, Jenny Huss, Michelle Haluska 2nd: Rebecca Wisniski, Lorraine Barenie, Joe Judge, Mike Stucky Bottom: Chris Fisher, Anne Barenie, Michelle Gauller, Mr. Weaver

Senior Stephen Fields plays the drums for a song the jazz band performed with a slow but jazzy beat.

Senior Dan Broelmann plays his tenor saxophone for a jazz band number bands at the Christmas concert.



Back row: Tim Gatlin, Jason Anderson, Shannon Rasile, Stephen Fields, Chris Swatts, Tim Dickens. Sixth row: Matt Stucky, Dave Comer, Eric Messmer, Jim Gardner, Eric Anderson, Kirsten Anderson, Ruth Ann Jetton, LeeAnn Riese, Martha Smith. Fifth row: Mike Stucky, Nick Stur, Dan Broelmann, Andy Lane, Anne Barenie, Jennifer King, Rick Lane, Bill Piekarczyk. Jo Nahad, Becky Chandler, Racheal Luptak, Jim Dwyer. Fourth row: Phyllis Dumigan, Tiffany Schafer, Mark Williams, Matt McClure, Amy Duran, Andy Haskins, Glenn Panozzo, Andy Wroblewski, Tim Mele, Kim Fulkerson, Kevin Kozuch. Third row: Tracy LaBuda, Karen Grubbs, Adam Massa, Bob———, Alan Gugala, Angie Piekarczyk, Jasmine Rodriguez, Dana Navarro, Robin Towinsnicki, Ron Haskins. Second row: Amy Zyviak, Nicole Baggerly, Angie Gillespie, Carrie Kitchens, Michelle Bodley, Jenny Bingham, Renee Grubbs, Sherry Bragg, Marilyn Bragg, Dedra Rutherford, Chris Fisher. Front row: Lee Ann Tucker, Lorraine Barenie, Shannon Bopp, Amanda Hill, Pam Chambers, Alicia Bodley, —Amy Boswinkle, Lynette Carter, Michelle Higgins, Dana Kelderman, Melissa Busovsky.



woodwinds,

# BASS & BRASS

cheese & sausage,  
St. Louis

Snare drums, saxophones, and trumpets are some of the many instruments that make up the Griffith High School Band. Playing an instrument is a difficult process. Practicing is a definite necessity to perform for concerts or for pep-band music. Playing any musical instrument is always a challenge. There is always room for improvement. Band Director Mr. Cross said, "You can never fully reach your potential. You should always be working and improving."

Band, otherwise, is an enjoyable class and is not as complicated like most of the classes in the high school. "Band doesn't require written homework, and the class is not very strict. It is fun because the atmosphere is easy going and Mr. Cross isn't too demanding," said junior Alicia Bodley.

Senior Stephen Fields said, "I enjoy band because it gives me a chance to play the drums everyday."

During the summer, the students who are enrolled in band for the oncoming year, are required to march and play in the Fourth of July parade. Once school starts, the students have to march for pre-game and halftime festivities during football season. For the first semester of the year, the Pantherettes join the band in a class to practice together for Friday night football game entertainment. The marching band is a favorite with most

of the band players. Senior Tim Mele said, "I enjoy the marching season. We see the games for free and just have a great time."

The second type of band is jazz band. This band contains a small amount of students playing jazz instruments, such as saxophones, trombones, baritones, trumpets, piano, and drums, between the bands at concerts. At the last concert of the year, one of the drummers usually is allowed to play a drum solo in the last song.

The third type of band is the concert band. This band puts on a three

concerts throughout the year. They also are required to participate in contests, which close to the end of the year was held in St. Louis, Missouri. "The best part of band is performing at contests because you get the satisfaction of knowing how good you are compared to other band. It's a pay-off for all the hard work you put in," said senior Dan Broelmann.

Not only was the 1990-1991 school year the last year for the seniors, but it was also the last for their leader, Mr. Cross. He put in his last year at Griffith and planned to retire from conducting high school bands. Many felt things would change, but the band would still continue. "I think it will be hard to find someone as skilled as Mr. Cross was. It will be hard to get used to another teacher and his way of handling things," said Bodley.

"My highlights of band were quazi-jazz drum solos, trips, and raging blood pressure fits of Mr. Cross."

"I think that next year won't be as good because most of the drummers will be gone and so will Mr. Cross, but we'll just have to try harder," said sophomore Lynette Carter.

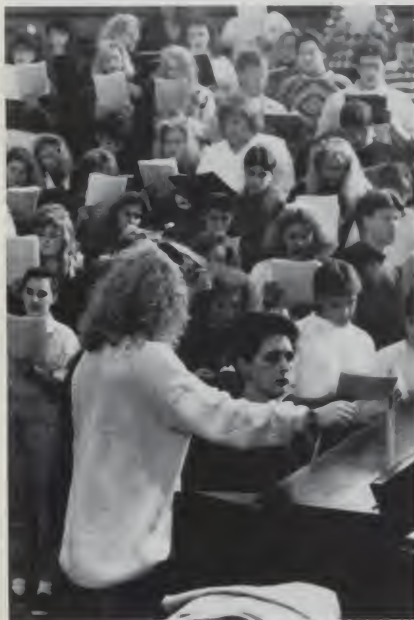
Freshman Shannon Bopp plays her flute while the Pantherettes perform their routine to the pep-band music.

Sophomore Lorraine Barenie and juniors Dana Kelderman and Alicia Bodley play their classical music during a concert.



Under the direction of choral director Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, activities at the February 28 choral festival ran smoothly for GHS and six visiting schools.

Do, Re, Mi. During a choral festival many of our students combined with other choirs to experience direction under a new director.



First row: Kim Woodall, Leslie Biscan, Jenna Lehmann, Mindy Davis, Rebecca Furman, LoraLee Kilgore, Sarah Krooswyk. Second row: Michelle Gauler, Jenny Huss, Jenny Reise, Alyssa Yerga, Jodi Haack, Danielle Dudek. Third row: Kelli Gall, Lindsey Friend, Michelle Griffith, Gretchen Gasper, Whitney Escalante. Fourth row: Tammy Sumner, Amy Bishop, Stephanie Kirk, Jackie Acosta. Fifth row: Missy Hendrickson, Missy Heritez, Marybeth Yonan.



First Row: Chris Moriarty, Mike Farley, Chris Linders, Mike Hernandez, Oliver Doppler, Mitch Ensign. Second Row: Chris Wilcox, Jason Swinson, Denise DeBoer, Mary McCarty, Bob Plucinski. Third Row: Adrienne Bogieski, Pam Evanatz, Adam Schroeder, Matt Dillon, Jenny Havlin, Joe Gonzalez. Fourth Row: Matt Rubacha, Sherrie Parker, Denise Castillo, RuthAnn Jetton, Jennifer Clark. Fifth Row: Amy Will, Jen Cebulski, Stephanie Kirk, Jill Planer. Sixth Row: Cyndi Caldwell, Tracy Murr, Christen Morris. Seventh Row: Kelly Bennett, Jen Romano.



# chorale, SONG & DANCE festival, concerts

Everyone sings at sometime of the day, whether in school, in the shower, or just anywhere. Therefore, when people think about choir they do not realize it is more than just singing, it is performance and hard work.

Choir has always been the students' preference, it has never a required course. So why do so many people join and stay in it for so long? Some say the enjoyment and the thrill of accomplishment.

"I enjoy choir because I like to sing but, it is going to help my technique of singing. After school I use what I have learned for back up vocals in my band," said Josh Pratt. For other members in the group it may not be just singing but other parts of choir as well. Jim Borders said, "I have enjoyed being a part of choir because I was able to accompany some of the songs that we performed, also after high school I plan on using the reading skills that I have learned for the band I will have in the future."

Because of the nature of the class, choir members get to travel and take trips to various places for competitions and concerts. The music groups attended many concerts and a few competitions, such as the ISSMA (Indiana State School Music Association).

Division I first place winners were senior soloists Amanda Dwyer, Ruth Ann Jetton, Joe Judge, Kathy Marciniak and Colleen Mull. Junior soloists finishing with state honors were Denise DeBoer, Jim Lattin and Jennifer Romano. Senior ensemble was Jim Borders, Jeff Kennedy, Joe Judge and Josh Pratt. Sophomore first place winners were Jackie Acosta, Leslie Biscan, Mitch Ensign, Whitney Escalante, Lindsey

Friend, Kelley Gall, Gretchen Gasper and Kim Woodall. Acosta finished with a perfect score.

There was also a boys quartet this year. Other activities included a fall concert and a Christmas concert.

Around Christmas time carollers sang while walking around school, and also had a show on the radio.

Senior Jeff Ferguson said, "It is really a lot of fun to carol around the halls, but hard too, because there are not any music or hymn books to follow, so staying on key with each other takes teamwork."

In February, Griffith held an eight hour choral festival in the main gym. Invited were six different schools in the area.

"This was not a competition of any sort, it was just a time for us to learn new techniques," said senior Amanda Dwyer. Many people felt that it was enriching to be directed by another director.

"Since there were over 350 people attending I think Dr. Shasburger taught us to work together as a group," said junior Mike Farley.

Senior Michelle Zebracki performs on stage while practicing for a choral production.



First Row: Amanda Dwyer, Chris Moriarty, Mike Farley, Chris Linders, James Dutcher, Oliver Doppler, Mitch Ensign, Mike Hernandez. Second Row: Jim Lattin, George Zarkzewski, Chris Wilcox, Jason Swinson, Denise DeBoer, Mary McCarthy, Bob Plucinski, Kathy Marciniak. Third Row: Tina Kilgore, Adrienne Bogieski, Pam Evanatz, Adam Schroeder, Matt Dillon, Jenny Haylin, Joe Judge, Jeff Ferguson. Fourth Row: Jim Borders, Tricia Royce, Jerry Murdock, Sherrie Parker, Denise Castillo, Ruth Ann Jetton, Eric Yoways, Tim Wilsbach.



First Row: Amanda Dwyer, Jeff Ferguson, Neil Miklusak, Kathy Marciniak, James Dutcher, Joe Judge, Michelle Zebracki. Second Row: Ami Sanders, Jim Lattin, Collene Mull, Tim Wilsbach, Jim Borders, Eric Yoways, Tina Kilgore, George Zakrzewski. Third row: Alicia Raketich, Josh Pratt, Jerry Murdock.



Junior Katie McDermott and senior Jason Wright look over the listings of children in need of Christmas gifts. The DECA caretree provides gifts to children who might otherwise not receive them.



Senior Darrick Ramsey shakes Mr. Reyme's hand after finishing the last lap at the DECA Lap-a-thon. The proceeds of the Lap-a-Thon went to the Muscular Dystrophy Association.

Juniors Stephanie Kirk, Jenny Clark, and Jenny Havlin all eat and drink something to get their energy up before they begin to walk in the lap-a-thon.



# fieldtrips, WORK & FUN fundraisers, competitions

DECA (Distribution Education Clubs of America) is a national organization that is designed to prepare students for the business world. It is made up of students who are working a half day and attending school half day. These students earn school credit and at the same time, are paid by the retailer for their efforts.

DECA teaches students what jobs in various fields entail. For example, DECA has a category called sales demonstrations that teaches the right methods to make a sale.

Not only does DECA teach about the business world, but it also raises money for various organizations. The students raised money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association through a lap-a-thon. They also sponsored a caretree during the holidays so that persons could donate gifts to needy children.

DECA also gives students a chance to participate at the state level by becoming a state officer. Some attributes a person needs to be an effective State Officer include responsibility, courtesy, confidence, good personal grooming, flexibility, and proper public speaking techniques.

From March 1 through March 3,

DECA held a Career Development Conference in Indianapolis. At the conference, students participated in events closely related to situations they might encounter while performing various job tasks. The various competitions included events such as Promotion, Food Marketing, Job Interview, Sales Demonstration, and General Merchandising. Many of the winners included Buffy Bell, Don Wasserman, Tina Kilgore, Tiffany

Saczawa and Adrienne Bogielski placing fourth in Parliamentary Processing Team. Senior Marie Lauderdale placed second in Sales Demonstration. Senior Sherrie Russell placed first in General Merchandising and senior Nicole Dunney placed second in Hospitality and Tourism.

Also at the competition, senior Ben Murphy placed fourth in Food Marketing. By doing this, Ben won a trip to Denver, Colorado. He will represent Griffith High School and the state of Indiana.

Mr. Richard Reymore, Griffith D.E.C.A. sponsor, said, "Ben is only the second student from Griffith to earn this privilege to compete in the national conference and one of the few event qualifiers from District I (Lake and Porter Counties)."

Twin on the trip, Ben took a test and roleplayed. Murphy said, "I'm excited about going because it gives me a chance to visit Denver and at the same time gain some knowledge. I'm not sure what I'll exactly be doing in Denver, but I know I'm going to do some snow skiing."

Ben Murphy, junior, stands outside of the school holding the plaque he won during DECA competition.



Back row: Ben Murphy, Don Wasserman, Mike Bell, Nancy Vrehas, Rick Burks, Darrick Ramsey, Kevin Nordyke, Nick Mathews, Dennis Kelly, Joe Reitz, John Murowski, Clint Lamb, Mike Farley, 4th row: Tina Kilgore, Jenny Bubala, Eric Woodard, Jack Burbridge, Nikki Dunney, Amy Floyd, Daryl Lopez, Marie Lauderdale, Troy Faniel, Pat Vrehas, Tricia Royce, Heather Nolan, Tracy Murphy, Sherrie Russell, Adrienne Bogielski, Jenny Havlin, 3rd row: Tiffany Saczawa, Susan Carter, Tina Martin, Lee Anne Tucker, Nicole Barton, Jenny Kerr, Laura Dorelli, Amy Enoksen, Jenny Clark, Stacey Carell, Michelle Johnson, Lisa Moore, Beth Pirkowski, Melinda Fleming, Alicia Raketch, Marcy Nagel, 2nd row: Tabitha Dishman, Michelle Baxley, Stephanie Kirk, Sherrie Parker, Jill Burbridge, Jenny Cebulski, Buffy Bell, Janice Hancock, Jill Burbridge, Alicia Bodley, Kellie Swenecone, Brandi McKeown, Melinda Inne, Cyndi Caldwell, 1st row: Mr. Reymore, Deuse Thompson, Kelli Ford, Pam Stanford, Korey Hedina



State Qualifiers, Back row: Nancy Vrehas, Heather Nolan, Pam Stanford, Alicia Raketch, Nikki Dunney, Tina Kilgore, Jenny Bubala, Sherrie Russell, Lee Anne Tucker, 2nd row: Marie Lauderdale, Kelli Ford, 1st row: Ben Murphy, Daryl Lopez, Dennis Kelly, Nick Mathews, Joe Reitz, Mike Bell

# TAKE a new LOOK

The new crazes of today are certainly not the same as they were years ago. The dress has gone from bell-bottoms and platforms to pin stripes and vans and finally to Guess jeans and Nikes. Then there are the hairdos, going from beehives, bobs, and crew cuts--but wait--history is repeating itself. Walking down the hall in '91 you can see some crew cuts, bobs and could it be, even a beehive. In these cases some things are coming back in style after 50 years.

Through time students have seen styles take on new looks but who knows? They may see 1991 fashions again in the future.



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# 1990-91

In 1990 the Panthers were "Bad to the Bone" as football coach Les Thornton leads the pep rally crowd in the chant "Beat Gavitt!!" while holding the teams good luck symbol — the bone. In the past seniors signed their friends' clothing as a momento of their years at Griffith. School pride has always been important at GHS. Through the years it is the people who have made Griffith what it is today.

# 1970



# 1980



# FACULTY

The ones behind the teaching and administration

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**Mrs. Sue Brown**, Senior High Secretary; **Mr. Darryl Carstensen**, Geometry, Junior Class Sponsor, Girls Basketball Coach; **Mrs. Teresa Carstensen**, Algebra II, Junior Class Sponsor; **Mr. Noel Cross**, Band; **Mr. Carl Dalton**, Psychology, Sociology, Social Studies Department Chairperson



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**Mr. Donald Ray**, Government, U.S. History, Basic Government; **Mr. Richard Reyome**, Career prep., ICE, DECA, Football Asst; **Mr. Charles Ricks**, Drawing, Painting, Art appreciation; **Mrs. Sharon Smith**, English novel, Basic English, American novel; **Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski**, Girls chorus, Concert Choir, Chorale, Music Appreciation, Music Theory

**Mr. Gerry Spejewski**, Grammar, Speech, General Literature; **Mrs. Judy Surovek**, Contemporary Literature, Advanced Sophomore English, English; **Mrs. Julie Turner**, Secretary, Mr. Les Thornton, Basic History, U.S. History; **Mrs. Sheila Vaclavik**, Beginning Composition, English, Basic English

**Mrs. Nancy Weaver**, Audio-Visual Secretary; **Mr. Ray Weaver**, Spanish, A-V Coordinator, Movie Sponsor; **Miss Betty Weber**, French; **Mr. Robert Witt**, Ceramics, Jewelry, Printmaking



Mrs. Sheila Vaclavik stands over junior Jill Planer so she can help her with an assignment in Beginning Composition.

Academic coaches Mrs. Judy Surovek and Mr. Gerry Spejewski coach the academic bowl team so they could win the meet for that night.

Audio-visual secretary, Mrs. Nancy Weaver looks through her books to figure out which class gets the TVs for the day. Her husband, Ray, teaches Spanish.



Mrs. Teresa Carstensen talks to her students when she gives them a break during the hour. Both she and her husband Darryl teach mathematics.



Another of the faculty members married to another teacher is Mr. Gerry Spejewski. Both spend after school time involved with extracurricular activities, as shown by Mr. Spejewski reviewing with the academic teams.



# MARRIAGE

Living and working with their spouse

A lot of husbands and wives have and put up with at least two or three kids. Others have over five hundred children in common. Unbelievable? Not necessarily. Welcome to Married.....with students!

At Griffith, there are five married couples working in the high school. They are Teresa and Darryl Carstensen, Cynthia and Gerry Spejewski, Sharon and David Smith, Iona and Joe Glassford, and Nancy and Ray Weaver.

Though it may seem that working together and living together may be too much time together, some say it's actually not enough. Mrs. Carstensen said, "Mr. Carstensen and I don't see each other at school for more than thirty seconds on most days because my classroom is upstairs and his is downstairs."

Another problem that contributes to not seeing each other during the school day is schedule differences. Mrs. Carstensen said, "During football and basketball

seasons we can not even drive to school together because Mr. Carstensen has practices after school."

Also, outside jobs can be a problem. Mr. Ray Weaver and Mrs. Nancy Weaver both have jobs outside of school. In the evenings, Mr. Weaver works late at Wal-mart and on Saturdays he works all afternoon at Ticket master at the Center for Performing Arts. Mrs. Weaver works at

"Mr. Weaver and I travel a lot during our vacation time to make up for lack of time spent together during the school year," said AV secretary Mrs. Nancy Weaver.

Montgomery Wards in the evenings.

Mrs. Weaver said, "Mr. Weaver and I always try to take off the same days at our other jobs so we can see each other more."

One of the advantages of

working in the same school is vacation time. All of the teachers have the same vacation time.

Mrs. Weaver said, "Mr. Weaver and I travel a lot during our vacation time to make up for our lack of time together during the school year."

Even though the teachers work together, at school they say they do not treat each other any differently than they treat any of the other teachers. For example, Mrs. Weaver said, "Mr. Weaver doesn't get any privileges in A-V even though he tries. He doesn't give me any breaks."

Sometimes when the teachers barely see each other all day, they don't discuss any subject concerning school at home. Mrs. Carstensen said, "I think that some students have the misconception that since Mr. Carstensen and I are both math teachers at the same school, we must spend all of our spare time at home discussing our students and our work; but our busy family life keeps us too preoccupied for that."



Music teacher, Mrs. Cynthia Spejewski, watches over her students as they look through their music books. She is married to Mr. Gerry Spejewski of the English department.

# Taking a look at the

## SECRETARY Retires

Going into the guidance office won't be the same next year for students. Things will be different because Mrs. Clara Lazar won't be there anymore.

Mrs. Lazar started working at Griffith in September of 1974. Her first seven years at the school were in the audio-visual department. When the position for guidance secretary opened, she applied for it and got it. That's where she spent the last nine years.

In the guidance office, she has helped many students with their inquiries about things such as grade point averages, class rankings, SATs, scholarships, colleges, and other school subjects. She is retiring in June of 1991 because her husband is retired and she wants to do the things that they have never done together.



Guidance secretary, Mrs. Clara Lazar, sits at her desk typing for her last year because she will be retiring in June of 1991.



Mr. Noel Cross, band teacher and director, spends his last year at Griffith after directing and teaching for twenty years.

## LEADER OF The band

After spending twenty years at Griffith, Mr. Noel Cross retired at the end of the 1991 school year. Mr. Cross is the band director and has been at Griffith since 1971.

Since he has been directing the band, they have competed in many competitions and won awards for their performances.

Not only does he direct the band, but he also helps out with the Pantherettes. His band supplies the music for their routines. Also, he helped by being a judge in the Pantherette tryouts.

Though Mr. Cross is retiring from teaching, he's not retiring from the music business. He said, "I plan to continue to work in some way with people and music."



# teachers and staff of '91



Sitting in the girl's bathroom in the senior high is Colleen Wick to check that students have passes to be out of class.

## KEEPING Order

Remember in the previous years when it was possible to roam the halls without a pass? Or stopping in the bathroom to gossip about who's dating who or next weekend's plans? Well, all of that changed this year.

A change made this school year was the women with the walkie-talkies. Some of them walked around the halls checking for class ditchers. Others sat in the girls' bathrooms both in the junior and senior high to make sure they stayed orderly.

A penalty for an offender could be getting sent down to the office.

For some students, this didn't make a big impact on their lives, but for those who liked to chat in the bathroom during class time, they had to learn to change their ways.

## MR. RAY

### Welcomed back

Traveling to Germany this summer was on the agenda of social studies teacher Mr. Donald Ray who was awarded the opportunity from the U.S.-Germany Inservice Training Program.

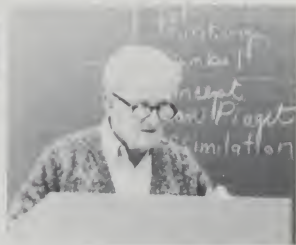
The program, in its fourth year, consists of 14 U.S. teachers and 14 German teachers. It centers on regional, national, and international issues as well as teaching strategies.

"I was thrilled to be selected. It will be my first time in Europe and I can't wait," said Mr. Ray.

Mr. Ray, who teaches Government and U.S. History also teaches at Indiana University Northwest. He is Indiana's coordinator for the National Geography Bee and a member of the Geography Educators Network's Board of Directors. The congressional district coordinator for the bicentennial of the Constitution, he was named the Daughter of the American Revolution's Outstanding Teacher for History in Indiana this year also.



Mr. Donald Ray, social studies teacher, was one of 14 U.S. history teachers selected to travel to Germany to learn about the social, political, cultural and economic institutions of a unified Germany.



Psychology and Sociology teacher, Mr. Carl Dalton, gives a lecture during one of his classes that he has taught at Griffith since 1957.

## 36 YEARS Dalton is veteran

In the 1950s, along with poodle skirts and letterman sweaters, there was a new teacher. Mr. Carl Dalton, Psychology, Sociology, and History teacher arrived at Griffith in 1957. Now thirty-six years later, he still teaches the same subjects. Mr. Dalton has been here the longest of all of the teachers currently teaching here.

During the 1960s and 1970s, teachers such as Mr. Dick Koval, Mr. Ray Weaver, Mr. Chuck Ricks, Mr. Howard Besch, Mr. Bill Birk, Mr. Don Ray and Mr. Gerry Spejewski arrived. Even though Mr. Dalton has taught here the longest, he probably won't be leaving here the soonest. He still plans on teaching for at least six or seven years.



# FRIENDS

Sticking together through the years

In grade school kids are inseparable, promising each other "we'll be friends to the end." For real close friends the promise is easy to keep, but for others it is much harder.

"I couldn't totally stay in touch with all of my friends from grade school because we moved, and it was hard to keep in touch," said senior Holly Farrar. Switching schools seems to be one of the major problems of losing touch with friends.

As people grow older they tend to change and make new and interesting people. Barb Belush said, "It's easy to make new and better friends every year because everyone has new classes. But my true friends will be my friends forever."

A majority of people feel that when high school is over that they will lose touch with some of their friends, especially if they go away to college. "I think my friends and I will grow apart after graduation. I can always make new friends in college but it just won't be the same," said Melissa Flemming.

Friendship, you either have it or you don't and those who don't are looked down upon. Some people can't help it whether it be that they are to obnoxious or just plain rude, to other people.

"I don't have the patience for rude people, much less make time to be friends with them. Luckily our class didn't have any stuck up rude people," said senior

Melissa Flemming. Things that might happen through the year might bring people closer together.

"A funny thing that happened my senior year was, a couple of friends and I stole the dinosaur and the hippo from Griffith Golf Course. We did get caught for it and we were punished for doing it. I feel it brought us thieves closer together and if I had the chance I would do it all over again," said senior Mitch Maciszak.

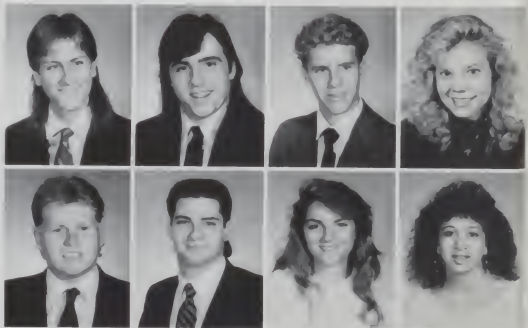
Friends are often seen socializing in the halls in between classes and during lunch. Catching up on the latest from one another are seniors Mike Bell and Laura Shoulders in the senior locker area.

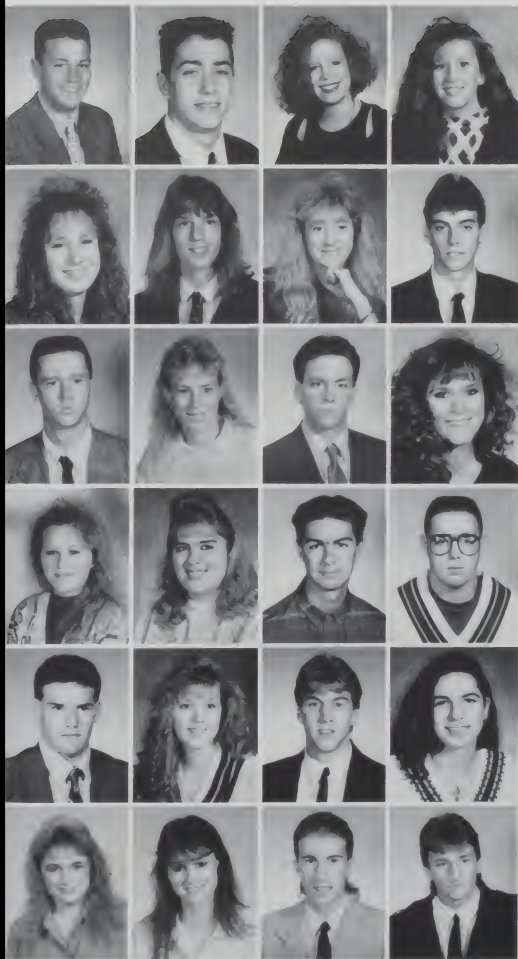


**Timothy C. Adams**, Aaron Alan Adelsperger: Chad Aldrin, Student Council, 10; Dana Susan Anderson, Track 10, Baseball Statistician 11, 12, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, (Captain 10,12) Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Vice President 10, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Quill and Scroll, Secretary, Student Council, 10, 11, 12, Panther Press, 11, 12, (Assistant Editor, 11, Editor 12.) Spell Bowl 10, 11, 12, ITAC 11, 12, Super Bowl 12, Turnabout Court, Homecoming Court, Girls State Delegate,

**Jason Patrick Anderson**, Football, 10, 11, 12, Band 10, 11, 12, 1st Team All Conference Football;

**Mark Argentine**, S.A.D.D. 10; **Anne Marie Baranie**, Band, 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society, 10, 11, 12, Treasurer, 11, Bowling Club, 10, 11, 12, Treasurer 11, Vice-President 12, Girls State Delegate, S.A.D.D. 11, 12, Treasurer 11, President 12; **Nicole Barton**





**Mark Batliner**, Baseball, 10, 11, 12; **Michael Patrick Ryan Bell**, Track 11, 12, Football 10, 11, 12, Senior Class Council, DECA, Homecoming King; **Barbara Belush**, Booster Club 10, 12, S.A.D.D. 12; **Nikki Billingsley**, Student Council 11, Concert Choir, Chorus, Pantherettes

**Jennifer Anne Bishop**, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Pantherettes, 10, 11, 12, Vice President 12; **Jim Borders**, Chorus, 10, 11, 12; **Nicole Lynn Bowron**, Letterman's club, Booster Club, Panther Press 11, 12, Quill and Scroll 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12; **Dan Michael Broelmann**, Band 10, 11, 12, President, 12, Boy's State Delegate

**Rod Craig Brown**, Football 10, 11, Track 11, Baseball 12; **Jennifer Lynn Bubala**, Basketball 10, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Panther Press 12, Softball 10, 11; **Jack Ray Burbridge**, DECA 11, 12; **Jill Renee Burbridge**, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Cheerleader 11, Choir 10, 11, DECA 12, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Queen, SADD 10, 11, 12

**Tricia Butler**, Letterman's Club 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Student Council 12, Choir 11, 12; **Cyndi Caldwell**; **Erin Cheffer**, Soccer 12, Swimming 12; **Craig Chism**

**Fredrick David Comer**, Football 10, 11, 12, Captain, Track 10, 11, 12, Captain, Wrestling 10, 11, 12, Captain, Football 1989 All Area Honorable Mention; **Lois Kay Cox**, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Vice President, Girls State Delegate; **James Robert Crosek**, Football 10, 11, 12, Captain, Baseball 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Homecoming Candidate, All Conference Football; **Jela Cucuz**, Tennis 10, 12, Girl's State Alternate

**Jennifer Darenski**, Library Helper 10; **Deanna Marie Degani**; **Timothy Paul Dickens**, Band 10, 11, 12; **Alex Djukic**, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Captain, Football 10, 11, 12, Captain, Baseball 10, National Honor Society 10, 11, Varsity Club 11, 12, Secretary, Homecoming Candidate, 2nd Team All Conference

**Heather Rae Doroff**, Sweatergirl 11, 12, President, *Reflector* 12 (Student Life Editor), Booster Club 10, 11, 12, President, Dramatics 10, SADD 10, 11, 12; **Matthew Ryan Dresbaugh**; **Nicole Duney**, Softball 10, 11, Basketball 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, SADD 12, DECA 11, 12, ICE 12; **Amanda Frances Dwyer**, Booster Club 12, Choir 10, 11, 12



**Dana Janet Enloe**, Swimming 10; **Pamela J. Evanz**, Choir 10, 11, 12, Sweater Girl 11, 12; **Holly Marie Farrar**, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Sweatergirl 11, 12, Bowling Club 12; **Jeffrey R. Ferguson**, Choir 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 11, 12



**Stephen Randall Fields**, Band 10, 11, 12, Vice President, Dramatics 10, 11, 12; **Melinda Lee Fleming**, Track 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, President, Sweatergirl 11, 12, DECA 12; **Melissa Lynn Fleming**, Golf 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Sweatergirl 11, 12; **Amy Diana Floyd**, Booster Club 10, 11, Choir 10, DECA 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11



**Kelli Ann Ford**, Track 10, Softball 10, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Cheerleader 11, Choir 10, DECA 12, President, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Bowling Club 11, *Panther Press* 11, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Hugh O'Brian Leadership Award; **Timothy Garvey**, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Track 11, Band 10, 11, 12, Football 10, 11, 12; **Timothy Christopher Gatlin**, Band 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 12, *Reflector* 12 (Ads Editor); **Stephanie Dawn Gilbert**, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12 Secretary, *Reflector* 11, 12 (Editor 12)



**Anthony Gonzalez**, Soccer 12, Football 10; **James Gordon**, Swimming 10, 11, 12, Football 11; **Robin Marie Guzicki**, Band 10, Booster Club 10, 12, Varsity Club 12, Student Council 12, Pantherettes 11, 12, Secretary; **Danielle Marie Hanson**, Volleyball 10, Softball 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 12



**Janice Ann Hancock**, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Sweatergirl 11, Choir 10, DECA 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11; **Robert Michael Haas**, Football 10, Track 10; **Robert W. Hardin**, Basketball Manager 12, SADD 10, 11; **Don Hart**



# MEMORIES

Taking a look back of the senior year



Wow it it's here, finally your senior year has arrived. What has happened through the last year of high school to make it stand out from the others?

It may be those times in class when something the teacher does makes you laugh.

"I'll always remember when Mr. Dalton told my class that he wasn't wearing underwear," said senior Corrie Smith.

"It was funny on Activities night when the guys stole the dinosaur from the golf course, that will always be a memory of mine," said senior Jennifer Lassiter.

One of the favorite memories of seniors is the dinosaur that was taken on activities night.

Formals such as Prom and Turnabout are also memories of GHS students.

"On Prom night I was in a limo with some of my close friends and another limo pulled up next to us and asked, 'Excuse me, do you have any Grey Poupon?' I'll never forget that. I thought it was hilarious," said senior Michelle Griffith.

Besides school functions, weekend activities also have lasting memories. Senior Barb Belush said, "New Years Eve was one of the highlights of my senior year. I went to a relatively small party where many of my close friends were at. We partied all evening long and then

spent the night after the party was over. Everyone had a great time dancing and goofing around."

Other students remember academic accomplishments. Senior Lois Cox stated, "Winning second place in the state for superbowl is something to be remembered during my senior year."

"Winning Sectionals was something I was very proud of and will remember for the rest of my life," said senior Tim Garvey.

The class of '91 has both good and bad memories of their last year at GHS.

"I have many good memories of things like Pantherettes and prom; and also embarrassing ones," said senior Beth Lee.



**Mark Allen Hildebrand; Eric Hilgeman; Donald F. Hill.** Track 10, 11, Cross Country 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12; **Michael Don Hipp.** Football 10, 11, Baseball 12, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Bowling Club 12, Class President 10, 11, 12

**Eric Christopher Hoffman.** Reflector 11, 12 (Photographer); **Karen Lynn Hoffman.** Track 11, 12, Baseball 10, Student Council 10, 11, Quill and Scroll 10, 11, *Panther Press* 10, 11, Football Manager 10, 11, 12; **Scott A. Hoover; John Imre**



# LOOKING BACK

## Seniors glance back at their childhood

Think way back to your childhood. What memory vividly comes to mind? Playing in the park or maybe being sick with the mumps? Whether they're good or bad, almost everyone has some sort of childhood memory.

One thing that some students remember is vacations. "I remember traveling down to Southern Indiana during summer vacations," said senior Greg Schutter.

Senior Jennifer Bishop said, "One thing I remember from a long time ago is visiting my family in Tennessee every year."

Another good memory can be associated with the outdoors. Senior

Dave Crossley said, "My best memory is playing soccer every Saturday morning."

Senior Mickey Royce said, "I've always liked going to the Cubs game during the summer with my family and friends. I can still hear Harry Carey singing 'Take me out to the ballgame', that has always been my favorite part."

Along with the good memories come the bad. Senior Deanna Degani said, "My worst memory is when I had to get stitches in my arm when I was cut with a knife."

Some memories are so bad, they can leave a bad taste in your mouth. Senior Danielle Hanson said, "When I got food

poisoning at a soccer state championship, it was one of my worst memories because it took me a while to get over it and I was miserable the whole time."

Senior Jennifer Bubala said, "My best memory was camping with Girl Scouts when I was younger, but my worst memory is when we were camping and the tent flooded. All of my clothes were soaked and I got a bad cold."

Even though he's a lot older, senior Dave Crossley still enjoys his favorite childhood memory of playing soccer.

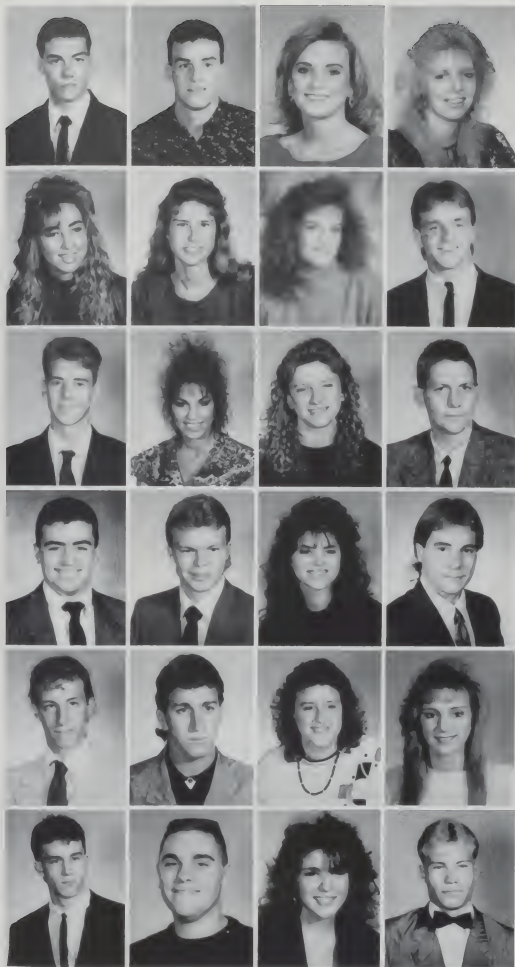


Scott Jajowka, Soccer 10; Robert Kevin James, Student Council 10, Boy's State Delegate, Who's Who Among American Students; Brian Jamison, Executive Council 12, Superbowl 10, 11, 12, Spell Bowl 10, 11, 12, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12, Bowling Club 12; Ruth Ann Jetton, Volleyball 12, Band 12, Choir 12

Michael L. Jordan, Golf 12, Track 10, Academic Superbowl 11, 12; Kristie Lee Jovanovich, Volleyball 10, Booster Club 10, 11, Turnabout Candidate; William J. Judge, Track 10, Booster Club 10, Choir 10, 11, 12, Superbowl Team 12, Dramatics 10, 11, 12; Cynthia S. Kaspareit;







**Ryan C. Keen**, Football 10, 11, Track 10, 11, 12, Captain, Cross Country 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Panther Press, Turnabout Prince; **Dennis Kelly**, Wrestling 12, DECA; **Tina Louise Kilgore**, Track 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Choir 10, 11, 12, DECA 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 11, Varsity Council 10, 11, Student Council 12, Pantherettes 11, 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Pantherette Workshop, Dramatics 10; **Carla Kitzmiller**;

**Cathy M. Kleimola**, Tennis 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Cheerleader 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Student Council 11, 12, Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Angela Korba**, Track 11; **Nicole Kurzeja**, Basketball 10, 11, Tennis 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 11, 12, Softball 10, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 10, Varsity Club 12, Quill and Scroll 12, *Reflector* 12 (Design Editor), Who's Who Among American High School Students 10, 11; **Robert Clint Lamb**, Football 10, 11, 12, Captain, Track 11, 12, Booster Club 11, DECA 12, Varsity Club 12, Homecoming Candidate, 2nd Team All Conference;

**Andy Lane**, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Band 10, 11, 12, Tennis 10, 11, 12, (Jennifer Lynn Lassiter (See page 137)) **Marie Lynn Lauderdale**, DECA 11, 12, **Beth Leigh Lee**, Booster Club 12, Pantherettes 12; **Gary D. Logan**, Bowling Club 10, 11;

**Daryl Carlos Lopez**, Football 10, 11, 12, DECA 12, Varsity Club 12, Wishbone Camp, All-Area 2nd Team, Most Improved 1990; **Mitch Norman Maciszak**, Basketball 10, 11, Football 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Quill and Scroll 12, Panther Press 12, Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate; **Kathy Marciniak**, Track 11, Chorus 10, 11, 12; **Matthew Allen Marcus**, Football 10, 11, Golf 11, Track 10, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, Captain, Executive Council 10, Quill and Scroll 12, Panther Press 11, 12 (Chief Photographer), Boy's State Delegate, Harvey Award;

**John Thomas Massa**, Football 10, 11, 12, Track 11, 12, Varsity Club 12; **Nicholas Alan Mathews**, Basketball 10, Football 10, 11, 12, Golf 11, 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, All-State Football 1990-91; **Mary Ann McCarty**, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Choir 10, 11, School Mascot 12; **Amy Elizabeth McDonnell**, Band 10, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Executive Council 10, 11, 12 Secretary, National Honor Society 11, 12 Treasurer, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Secretary 11, 12;

**James McKnight**; **Timothy James Mele**, Swimming 10, 11, Band 10, 11, 12; **Beth Ann Menser**, Band 10, 11, 12, Pantherettes 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12; **Eric James Messmer**, Wrestling 10, 11, 12 Captain, Soccer 10, 11, 12 Captain, Bowling Club 12, Wrestling Camp, Soccer 2nd Team All Conference, Who's Who Among American High School Students;

**Jennifer Mills;** Todd Ryan Mills, DECA 12; **Michael Minnaugh;** Lisa Andrea Moore, Choir 10, 11, DECA 12;

**Collene Faye Mull,** Choir 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 11, 12, Who's Who Among American High School Students; **Ben Murphy,** DECA; **Tracy Lynn Murphy,** Football 11, 12, Manager, Wrestling 10, 11, Manager, Baseball 10, Manager, Varsity Club 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, DECA 12; **Marcy S. Nagel,** DECA 11, 12

**Mike Nash;** **Heather Nolan;** **Kevin Nordyke,** Basketball 10, *Panther Press* 12 (Sports Editor), Quill and Scroll 12; **Lisa Marie Osmulski,** National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 10, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, (President 12), SADD, Turnabout Princess, Prom Court, Vice President 11;

**Mike J. Pacurar,** Football 10, *Panther Press* 12, Prom Candidate; **Sherrie Parker,** Choir 10, 11, 12; **Michael William Patterson,** Football 10, 11, Track 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, MVP Field 1988; **Beth Piorkowski;**

**Bob Plucinski;** **William James Polites,** Basketball 10, Football 10, 11, 12, Baseball 10, 11, 12, Prom Candidate, Homecoming Candidate; **Jennifer Potts,** *Reflector* 11, 12 (Organizations Editor); **Shannon Marie Powers,** Booster Club 11, 12, Sweatgirl 11;

**Josh R. Pratt,** Choir 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 12; **Alicia Marie Raketich,** Track 10, Booster club 10, 11, 12, Cheerleader 10, 11, 12, Captain, Choir 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 11, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, *Panther Press* 11, 12 (Advertising Editor), Prom Candidate, Turnabout Candidate, Homecoming Candidate, Camp, All-star Cheerleader; **Darrick Eugene Ramsey,** DECA 12, Quill and Scroll 12, Student Council 12, *Panther Press* 12 (News Feature Editor); **Shannon Rasile;**



# CAREERS

Where the class of '91 will be in the future



As the school year comes to an end, seniors have some important decisions to make. No, not what outfit to wear to graduation, but what career to have in the future.

When the career is chosen, usually students have to take some classes to prepare themselves for this career. Senior Greg Schutter said, "I'm going to be a high school language-arts teacher, preferably in Spanish, so I have taken cadet teaching at one of the elementary schools. I also have taken four years of Spanish and am going

Senior Marie Lauderdale shows talent in her future career of designing.

to take it in college so I can speak the language as well as I can."

Senior Mickey Roye said, "I am taking calculus and physics at school because they will help me to be an electrical engineer."

Besides taking preparatory classes, students help prepare themselves attending things outside of school. Senior Dave Crossley said, "Besides taking Biology 3-4, I have attended lectures to help me become a biologist."

One of the many important factors in choosing a career is being successful and making good money. Senior Danielle Hanson said, "I want to be an accountant because my aunt is one

and she makes pretty good money and I would like to, too."

Some students choose a career that involves teaching and helping children. Senior Deanna Degani said, "I am interested in being a clinical child psychologist because I would like to help children with their problems."

"I would like to teach elementary education because I like kids and I like Sesame Street," said senior Jennifer Bubala.

Senior Jennifer Bishop said, "I am taking nursing courses at Purdue-Calumet to be a pediatric nurse because I like children, and I would like to help them as much as I can."



**Anthony Reid**, Wrestling 10, 11, 12, Track 12, Football 10, 12; **Donald Joseph Reitz**, Track 10, 11, 12, Football 10, 11, 12; **Jason Glenn Reyme**, Academic Decathlon 11, 12, Hoosier Spell Bowl 10, Academic Superbowl 10, 11, 12, *Panther Press* 11, 12 (Associate Editor), Who's Who Among American High School Students 12, Hoosier Spell Bowl State Finalist 10, All-star Cheerleader, Rotary Youth Leader, Superbowl, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12 Parliamentarian, President, Student Council 11, 12, Vice President, Quill and Scroll 11, 12, President, Class Council 11, 12, Treasurer, Baseball 10, Golf 11, 12, Football 10, 11, 12, Lifter 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, SADD 10, 11, Varsity Club 11, 12; **Dawn Renea Rickert**, Booster Club 11, 12, Sweater Girl 11

**Chris Rigas**, Wrestling 10, 11, 12; **Jorge A. Rocha**; **Laurie Jan Rodriguez**, Football 10, 11, 12, Manager, Trainer, Track 11, 12, Trainer, Wrestling 10, Trainer, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Cramer Athletic Training Camp, Ball State Training Camp; **Mickey Royce**:

**Gloria Margaret Royster.** Basketball 10, Choir 10;  
**Sam Russell.** Sherrie Russell, Booster Club 11, 12,  
 Sweatergirls 11; **Pat Ryan.**

**Jennie Saculla.** Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Softball 11, 12,  
 Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Basketball 10, 11, 12, Booster-  
 Club 10, 11, 12; **Ami Barbara Sanders.** Choir 10, 11,  
 12; **Cheryl Ann Schoenborn.** Softball 10, 11, 12;  
**Brian Schultze.** Band 10, 11;

**Gregory J. Schutter;** **Dave Schutz;** **Jennifer Marie Seberger.** Basketball 10, 11, 12, Track 10, 11, 12, Cross Country 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Executive Council 10, 11, National Honor Society 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10; **Laura Lynn Shoulders.** Track 10, 11, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Choir 10, 11, President, Dramatics 10, 11, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, *Panther Press* 12 (Business Manager), Vice President 12, Secretary 10, Prom Queen, Homecoming Candidate;

**Aimee L. Smith.** Varsity Club 12, Softball 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 12, Basketball 10, 11; **Corrie Smith;** **Douglas Ryan Snyder.** Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Baseball 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Prom Court, Turnabout Court, Homecoming Court; **Pamela Lynn Stanford.** Basketball 10, 11, 12, Captain, Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, DECA 11, 12 Vice President, Varsity Club 11, 12, Student Council 10;

**Amy Lynne Strack.** Basketball 10, 11, 12, Volleyball 10, 11, 12, Softball 10, 11, 12, Booster Club 11, 12, Executive Council 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Girl's State Delegate; **Matt Stucky.** Band 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 11, 12, Movie Worker 10, 11, 12, Stage Crew 10, 11, 12; **Michael D. Stucky.** Band 10, 11, 12, DECA 10, 11, 12, Bowling Club 12; **Nicholas J. Stur.** Varsity Club 12, Swimming 12, Track 10, Band 12;

**Christopher Joseph Swatts.** Tennis 10, 11, 12, Soccer 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 11, 12, Executive Council 10, 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, Student Council 10, 12, Who's Who Among American High School Students;  
**Ron Szafarczyk.** Track 10, *Panther Press* 12 (Artist);  
**Martin Torrez;** **Mara Trivunovic.** Tennis 10;





# Seniors are awarded at what they do best

# SUPERLATIVES

Through the high school years characteristics and abilities of your peers make them lasting memories in your mind. On April, 25 the graduating class of '91 came together at Sherwood South to find out who would receive awards such as best body, smartest, cutest, and many others.

The night started off with dinner and reminiscing of the years past with the help of Jill Burbridge sophomore year, Lisa Osmulski, junior year, and Kelli Ford and Mike Bell, senior year. Then finally the moment everyone had been waiting for

arrived. This years Senior Superlatives, and the winners were:

**Most Unique:**  
Barb Belush, Erin Cheffer

**Most Likely to Succeed:**  
Lois Cox, Chris Swatts

**Most School Spirit:**  
Jill Burbridge, Matt Marcus

**Most Involved:**  
Dana Anderson, Jason Reyome

**Smartest:**  
Lois Cox, Brian Jamison

**Prettiest Smile:**  
Kristie Jovanovich, Tim Garvey

**Prettiest Eyes:**  
Jill Burbridge, Mike Bell

**Funniest:**  
Stephanie Gilbert, Tony Gonzales

**Friendliest:**  
Laura Shoulders, Nick Vittorio

**Best Personality:**  
Anne Barenie, John Verbich

**Rowdiest:**  
Amy Floyd, Mike Patterson

**Cutest Laugh:**  
Jela Cucuz, Ben Murphy

**Class Flirt:**  
Kelli Ford, Mike Bell

**Best Dancer:**  
Pam Stanford, Doug Snyder

**Biggest Partier:**  
Amy Floyd, Ben Murphy

**Biggest Gossip:**  
Tina Kilgore, Dennis Kelly

**Best Dressed:**  
Nicole Kurzeja, Craig Chism

**Best Body:**  
Marie Lauderdale, Nick Mathews

**Cutest Couple:**  
Beth Menser, John Pratt

**Cutest:**  
Laura Shoulders, Clint Lamb

**Most Trusting:**  
Anne Barenie, Clint Lamb

**Best Artist:**  
Beth Menser, Tim Garvey

**Most Musically Inclined:** Ruthann Jetton, Steve Fields

**Best Athlete:**  
Amy Strack, Alex Djukic

**Best Legs:**  
Cathy Kleimola, Andy Lane

If you came out winners or not from the senior banquet the memories and thoughts of your senior year still remain.



Dennis James Troska: Garret William VanHorsen, Basketball, 10, 11, 12, Captain; Nicholas Joseph Vittorio, Football 10, 11, 12, Track 10, Varsity Club 10, 11, 12, Turnabout Candidate; Spencer Eric Voorheis



Nancy Vrehas, Basketball 10, 11, 12; Jeff Wallen; Timothy James Wilsbach, Choir 10, 11, 12, Historian; Eric Woodard, Soccer 10, 11, 12



Michael Lee Worosz Jr., Football 10, 11, 12, Track 11, 12, Varsity Club 11, 12, 1990 1st Team All-Conference; Christine Zebracki, Volleyball 12, Dramatics 10; Michelle Zebracki, Varsity Club 10, Softball 10, 11, 12, Student Council 10, 11, 12, Choir 10, 11, 12, Pantherettes 10, 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 12; Homecoming Court; Jennifer Lynn Lassiter, Varsity Club 12, Booster Club 10, 11, 12, Vice President 11, 12, Reflector, 11, 12 (Ads Editor), Quill and Scroll 11, 12, Dramatics 10, 11, 12, SADD 11, Sweatergirl 11, 12



Kirsten Anderson  
Tara Anderson  
Larry Adams  
Buffy Bell  
Kelly Bennett  
Alicia Bodley  
Michelle Bodley  
Adrienne Bopprecht  
James Boppre  
Keith Borman

Joy Bowie  
Jessica Boyle  
Tamara Boyle  
Brandy Braddam  
Sherry Bragg  
Jacob Braton  
Bryan Brown  
Dan Brown  
Edward Bukowski  
Richard Burks

Brent Butler  
Stacie Carrell  
Susan Carter  
Troy Castle  
Denise Casillo  
Jennifer Ceballos  
Jennifer Clark  
Christie Craft  
Diana Davis  
Denise DeBoer

Russell Dewes  
Holly DeYoung  
Mauri Dillon  
Tabitha Dobman  
Oliver Doppler  
Laura Dorrell  
Franklin Dunlap  
James Dulber  
Stacey Dulawski  
Stacy Eichensehr

Julie Ellison  
Aimee Enoksen  
Michael Farley  
David Finch  
Russell Fliter  
Lisa Fontana  
Kim Falkerson  
Rebecca Fuman  
Bryan Galocy  
Michael Garvey

Laura Garza  
Greg Geary  
Douglas Gillespie  
Scott Goodland  
Jason Gotschewich  
Noel Grudzen  
Tanya Guca  
Alan Gugliata  
Jay Hackworth  
Edward Halajsek

Candice Hall  
Kevin Harter  
Andrew Hawkins  
Ronald Hawkins  
Jennifer Haylin  
Flaine Healy  
Roger Heifen  
Don Higgins  
Karen Heibach  
Christine Hochstetler

Korrey Hedina  
Steven Hayck  
Melinda Inge  
Richard Jerome  
Tomisha Joseph  
Gabrielle Jubasz  
William Junkin  
Dana Kelderman  
Jennifer Kerr  
Patrick Kiel

Jennifer King  
Stephanie Kirk  
James Kmet  
Cindy Knezewich  
Todd Kowitz  
Kevin Kuntich  
Allison Kundra  
Troy LaBuda  
James Latta  
Scott Leslie



# DOODLING

## Passing time during class

Ever doodle? Everyone seems to have the obsession when they are bored, or just feel like doing nothing. Hardly anyone ever manages to keep a clean book cover for long. Writing, scribbling, and pictures tend to cover the fronts of everything we see.

It starts with writing down a homework assignment that you do not want to do in class but can not afford to miss, and the next thing you know, it is covered with anything from little personal mottos to pictures of weird people with funny shaped heads. Whatever the case is, everything we see tends to be covered.

Sometimes doodling in class can even get you into some trouble by teachers or you can maybe miss out on class work or notes for the day. Junior Neil Miklusak said, "If I did not doodle, I would probably know more because I would be taking more notes and paying more

attention." This seems to be the popular response from everyone. As Junior Bryan Galocy said, "Yes, some of my teachers get mad and tell me to pay better attention." For others, some teachers encourage them to do it. Ed Bukowski said, "My art

"If I did not doodle, I would probably know more because I would be taking more notes and paying more attention," said junior Neil Miklusak.

teacher encourages us to doodle, it helps give me ideas for when I get into my art class."

What would kids do if they did not doodle? Maybe talk, sleep, or just daydream. Galocy said, "I like to talk to people, so that is

what I would probably do." Others have to be actually doing something with their hands. Just as Junior Jessica Boylan said, "If I am not doodling, I would be folding or crumbling up pieces of paper." Junior Denise Thompson said, "I doodle a lot to pass the time, but when I am not I play with my hair."

Not all doodling is done just strictly at school, sometimes it takes place at other places. Like Boylan said, "I doodle at school but I also find myself doodling other places when I get the chance." Also Thompson said, "Sometimes I doodle while talking on the phone."

So no matter what the reason is behind doodling, it will always be a favorite past time. In class, there may be other things done, but they are not as easy to get away with as doodling and therefore, never will there be a clean folder in sight.



Boredom takes over as junior Jennifer Kerr doodles on her paper, as students tend to do.

Junior Tabitha Dishman sits idly as she scribbles pictures on her notebook.

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# Take these jobs and love it

New car insurance payments and the need for extra spending money are the two main reasons why more juniors are getting jobs. Not only are they getting more involved in school, but now they are heaped with new responsibilities. Cars, dating, jobs, and college are in the eyes of most juniors.

As far as jobs interfering with grades, April Massa said, "My grades haven't been affected ... yet." April works at Baskin Robins.

Some people's grades aren't interrupted by their jobs. Like Junior Ronda Myers said, "I only work weekends right now, so my grades haven't been hurt." Ronda is lucky because Arby's is flexible with her hours. She said, "They work me around my swimming and sweatgirl schedule." There are problems with the hours Ronda works though. She added, "I can't do anything on weekends with my friends and things because that's when I work.

Junior Gabrielle Juhasz likes her job as Boz's Hot Dogs. She said, "I enjoy my job because I get to pick my own hours and there is not always a boss hanging over my shoulder."

Junior Greg Uhter works for the same reasons as Gabrielle. He works at Franks Nursery and Crafts and he said, "I like my job

of them." Brent had to find a job after that and now works at Griffith Golf Center.

For Junior Larry Atkins, working became a problem all around. "My parents sort of made me get a job because they refused to give me money for the summer. I worked too many hours, 45 or more a week so therefore I had to quit because my grades were affected."

On the other side of the story are those who work when they can, and when they need the money. Junior Tricia Royce said, "I can go in anytime I want, just as long as I don't fall behind in my work." Tricia's mom did not pressure her into getting a job. She said, "My mom just asked me if I wanted a job for spending money."

Whether the juniors that work at fast food places or other businesses were forced or volunteered themselves into the working field they all find that working can be both fun and undesirable at times.

**"My parents got sick of me bumming money off of them," said junior Brent Butler.**

because I put in my own hours and don't do real work."

For other juniors, coming of working age is a problem. Junior Brent Butler said, "My parents got sick of me bumming money off



Working for extra money Junior Gabrielle Juhasz fills a drink at Boz's.

When she's not in school, Junior April Massa works at Baskin Robins part time.



In order to keep up her high GPA, junior Denise Castillo prepares to look over her notes one more time before taking the chapter test.

While taking her Beginning Composition exam junior Gabrielle Juhasz remembers the many vocabulary words learned during class.




"I can't remember the answer to this question!" Junior Jen Romano tries to pass the test she is taking to maintain a good grade in class.





# TESTS

## Pressure to make the grade



What do multiple choice, True or False, and fill in the blanks have in common? You guessed it, tests. These terms are all found on most tests. As high school students, we find ourselves taking them quite often.

Everyone prepares for tests differently. Junior Tara Braddam said, "I get all my notes together and I sit down with a radio and study." Some people have a different approach to it. Junior Roger Helfen said, "Before I go to bed I look over my notes once." Junior Denise Thompson said, "I usually study the night before, depending on what class, or how hard the test will be determines how long I'll study for."

Did you ever sit next to one of those people who click their pens or tap their feet and wonder why they are doing it? Junior Brandy Braddam said, "I get nervous about flunk-

ing, so I tap my fingers on my desk. I don't do it to annoy people, it's just a nervous habit, I guess." Junior Mike Farley said, "If I'm chewing gum, I'll sit there and pop it, but someone always tells me to stop, so I just end up doing something else."


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There is a lot of weight put on tests, but people usually spend more time on their homework and it doesn't count for as much. Junior Candie Hall said,

"Tests are weighted heavier, but there aren't as many as there are homework assignments. If you really apply yourself on major homework grades, it makes up for the tests." Junior Jill Planer said, "I don't think it is fair because some people get real nervous and do bad on tests. I don't think they should be worth more than homework."

When the subject of tests comes up, many people think of the SAT's. Junior Marco Perez said, "I don't think they are a good idea because your chances of getting into college are dependent on one lousy test." Thompson said, "I feel that this is a good idea because the scores will tell if you can handle college or not."

No matter how you prepare for tests, or how you feel about them, they are just a part of the daily high school routine at Griffith, as well as other high schools



Students aren't sent in the hall for misbehaving, but to make up work after absences. Junior Jodee Zellers takes a make-up chemistry test while in the hall.

# CURFEWS

## Making it home before deadline

The beginning of the school year doesn't mean much to most high school students. In fact, it's the most dreaded time of the year. But for sophomores, it's a whole new experience. Not only did they switch from junior high to senior high, but they were exposed to a few clubs and activities that they weren't able to participate in before. Along with these things, they had some new found freedoms. One that comes to mind is a later curfew. Sophomore Phill Isaily said, "Since I got to be a sophomore, I've been able to stay out later than I could before."

A lot of parents believe that once you reach senior high, you are more mature and more capable of handling things. "My parents consider me to be more responsible than before, so they trust me to stay out later," said Isaily.

On the other hand, there are some kids whose curfew

hasn't changed at all. Sophomore Tom James said, "Even though I'm in high school now, I have the same curfew as before." He added, "They (my parents) trust me, but I still have to be in at the same time."

For some people, the lateness of curfew depends on

**"My curfew is the same as last year," said sophomore Chris Fisher.**

whether or not work is done and chores are finished. "I can't stay out late unless I have all of my work done," said Sophomore Ryan Rettig.

Even though some people are allowed to stay out later than before, if they break their curfew, they have to pay the penalty. Mrs. Martha Davis, who teaches

Chemistry, has a daughter, Mindy, that attends Griffith. Davis said, "Mindy cannot go out the next weekend night if she does not call me. If she calls with a good excuse for why she'll be late, then nothing happens. She must call before the time she is to be home, so I don't worry about her."

Another factor for curfew is whether you are a boy or a girl. Isaily said, "Guys should be able to stay out later than girls because guys can take care of themselves better." Sophomore Chad Ison had a totally different opinion. He said, "Guys and girls should have the same curfew because it wouldn't be any fun for a guy to stay out by himself."

Whatever a curfew is, most students would like to change it. For most people, that's a little impossible. But if you have a little wishful thinking, maybe you could have a little more time to stay out later.



Making sure no one was waiting up, sophomore Sarah Furman walks quietly into her house after curfew.



Sophomore Jennifer Hill walks in her door noticing that she made it in on time.



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# FUTURE

## Sophomores look ahead

Many students think about college when they hear the word future, but it also includes a lot of other aspects. Not only does future mean 10 years from now, but it also means 10 minutes from now or tomorrow.

Although sophomores are still a couple of years away from graduation, that does not mean they don't think about the future. With the growing demand for college graduates in the job field, many sophomores find themselves thinking about their future. Sophomore Amy Evanatz said, "It's really not too soon to start planning for college because you need to make sure you are fully prepared to go to college, get into the college that will suit your needs, and get you where you want to be."

Another thing to think of when you think about your future is whether or not you control it. Sophomore Jen-

nifer Kuck said, "I believe you control your own future because what you do now affects your future, it's your own decision." On the other hand, sophomore Dan Deffenbaugh said, "We have control to a point. Then there's that point where you're not in control any-

"I'll probably be doing charity work for Noraid in New York," said Dan Deffenbaugh.

more and things just sort of happen."

Do you ever wonder where you will be 10 years from now? Some of these students had some kind of idea where they would like to be. Sophomore Jonna Gehring said, "I hope to be living in Long Beach, California

making lots of money and soaking up the rays." Kuck said, "I want to go to college to be a dental hygienist and live in the very rich area of Arizona called Scottsdale." While Kuck and Gehring hope to be making lots of money, Deffenbaugh sees himself in quite a different situation, he says, "I'll probably be doing charity work for Noraid in New York."

For the most part, when students think future they think of their remaining years in high school. Sophomore Ryan Rettig said, "I'm looking forward to these next couple of years so I can be with my friends, party, and play baseball." Sophomore Becky Lipscomb said, "I'm going to make high school the best time I possibly can."

Sophomore Shellie Linders said, "I plan on trying out for Pantherettes or cheerleading, so I hope to be a part of that."



Sophomore Bridget Butler looks at her student handbook while she waits to schedule her classes for next year.



Sophomore Chris Brown takes a look at his schedule for next year and decides on his classes.



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Sophomore cheerleaders join the varsity squad to cheer for a football pep rally. The sophomores on this year's squad were, Kelley Gall and Lindsey Friend.



# CHANGES

## Coming to senior high

School: n. 1) Place for instruction 2) Regular meetings of teacher and pupils. No dictionary could truly define high school; it's just so much more. High school also means the homecoming game, staying out later, going to formals, harder classes, and a lot of change. When it comes to the change part of the real high school definition, nobody knows more about it than a sophomore.

When a sophomore comes to high school after junior high they often find many changes they have to deal with. Some of these adjustments and changes are easy to handle, and others most sophomores would rather not think about.

First, there are the good changes between high school and junior high.

Sophomore Ron Govert said, "I think the best change between high school and junior high is all the extra freedom. Sophomore Mindy Davis patiently waits for the music to start. She is one of the many sophomores on this year's Pantherette squad.

like going out to lunch and stuff like that."

"I like the fact that there is a lot more freedom in high school. For example, I really like being able to dress differently, with less dress code restrictions," said sophomore Gretchen Gasper.

"I think high school is easier ..." said sophomore Shellie Linders.

Sophomores love their new found freedoms. These include such things as eating in class, going out to lunch, dressing differently, and making more decisions for themselves involving course selection.

Choosing their courses is what a few sophomores said was the best change between high school and junior high. Sophomore Pete Batinic

agreed and said, "High school is great because you have so many classes to choose from, and having only six hours instead of seven makes high school even easier."

Surprisingly enough, other sophomores feel the same way that Batinic does. They too feel that high school is easier than junior high. There are several reasons some sophomores feel this way.

"I think high school is easier than junior high because there isn't as much pressure from the teachers," said sophomore Shelli Linders.

Finally, and probably some of the biggest changes from junior high to high school life, are the extra and fun things that go along with high school. Homecoming, Turnabout, Prom, post game dances, and pep-rallies are some of the exciting things that high school has to offer for the newcomers.

During the school year sophomores can enjoy dances in the atmosphere of the High School



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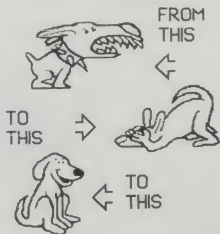
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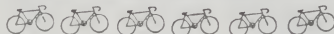
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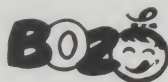
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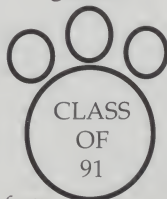
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# COLOPHON

This year was the 50th year for the 1991 *Reflector*. Therefore the book itself was a special one to the 11 member staff. Amazingly the whole book was produced by the use of 3 Macintosh computers and Year-tech, a Josten's program. This was the first time that the *Reflector* has been put together only using computers. Wow!!

Jostens Printing and Publishing Division at State College, Pennsylvania printed four hundred copies of the *Reflector*. Our Representative was once again Mike Hackleman. (Thanks Mike!)

The theme "Take a New Look" was chosen by the staff to celebrate and capture the 50th edition. It was produced during the fifth hour year-book class and many

long nights after school in the most famous J-Room.

The type throughout the book was times 10pt. for copy and 9pt. for captions. All of the headlines varied because of the use of freehand on our Macintosh computers.

of our deadlines on time. Not that I was worried or anything, but with only two computers with PageMaker and with learning things as we went along, missing deadlines did cross my mind.

A special thanks goes out to Miss Julie Marcinek for all of her patience and the time that she put into the *Reflector*.

On behalf of the staff I would like to thank senior Ron Szafarczyk for designing the cover which was sent in camera ready which saved us money and time. Also, thanks to Panther Press photographer Matt Marcus for helping in the darkroom.

I would again like to thank everyone on staff for a great year of work.



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Speaking from an editor's point of view this year went by pretty smoothly except for a few problems that every staff will face. I would like to thank my staff personally for all the hard work that helped complete all



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# TAKE now LOOK

## Looking good

Football, DECA, cheerleaders and the academic teams gave star performances and along with many others provided us with a year worth looking at

It was just like any other year, beginning in the usual way; recuperating from summer, buying new school clothes, and finding all your new classes. Then, some amazing things started to happen that made this year so spe-

cial.

Griffith's wish-bone football proved to be outstanding once again as they beat Gavit to capture the sectional title for the first time since 1981.

DECA sent several students to the state competition and senior

Ben Murphy to the nationals in Denver, Colorado.

As we wrap up the 1990-91 school year we leave G.H.S. with lasting memories and impressions of the book's fiftieth anniversary and our year of high school. Our outstanding achievements have urged others to take a new look.



Not everything has to come straight out of the books as proven in adult prep class. Seniors Beth Menserand Rod Brown practice their self-defense techniques.

"Look at me I'm Sandra Dee." Sophomores Dan Pastar and Amy Hruskoczy advertise for the new Babe Bar product during their commercial for journalism class.





Griffith High School showed its support of the troops in the Persian Gulf by having a pep rally called "Stars and Stripes over Griffith."



Senior Dan Broelmann patiently waits to receive the cap and gown he will wear during graduation in June.

# One last look

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As the year comes to a close, we realize that some things change, but some things will always remain the same



"Oh I have a headache." Senior Dana Anderson, editor of the newspaper concentrates on the computer screen as she finishes Panther Press deadline. Computer technology enabled the staff to create a new look in the publication.

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased by 1.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased by 1.1 million (Office of National Statistics 1999).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people in the community. The Department of Health (1999) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to improve the health and social care of older people. The strategy is based on the following principles:

- Older people should be able to live independently and actively in the community.
- Older people should be able to access the services and support they need to live well.
- Older people should be able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- Older people should be able to live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy also sets out a number of key objectives for the government, including:

- To improve the health and social care of older people.
- To ensure that older people have access to the services and support they need to live well.
- To ensure that older people are able to participate in decisions about their care and support.
- To ensure that older people live in a safe and secure environment.

The strategy is a key document for the government, and it sets out the government's commitment to improve the health and social care of older people. It is a document that should be read by all those who are involved in the care and support of older people.

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Table 1. Mean (SD) age, height, weight, and body mass index (BMI) of the 100 children in the study

Measure	Mean (SD)
Age (years)	10.4 (0.5)
Height (cm)	145.2 (10.1)
Weight (kg)	38.5 (10.2)
BMI (kg m <sup>-2</sup> )	22.9 (3.2)

children were asked to perform a series of 10 trials of the task. The first trial was a practice trial and the remaining 9 trials were recorded. The mean of the last 9 trials was used for analysis.

Children were then asked to perform the task again, but this time they were asked to perform the task as fast as they could. The mean of the last 9 trials was used for analysis.

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